



Bible Story: The Story of the Farmer • *Matthew 13:1-23*

Bottom Line: God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says.

Conversation Starter: What are you going to do with what you've heard?

Monthly Memory Verse: *God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit.* • Romans 14:17 NIV

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GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Bible



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WELCOME

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Hi, friends! Welcome to Flatirons Kids!! I'm so glad you are here. Whether your week was awesome, weird, stressful, or you barely made it out of bed this morning, you made it here, and that's a win.

You're stepping into a room full of people who are on a mission this month, not to find pirate treasure, not to level up in a video game, but to discover the greatest adventure ever: living in God's kingdom!

Before we jump into our lesson, we're going to play a game because Jesus is fun and church is fun!

GAME TIME

SLIDE: Would You Rather? Summer Edition! Title

It's time for ... 'Would You Rather? Summer Edition!' The game is simple: I'll show you two options, and your job is to walk to the side of the room that matches your choice. No wrong answers!

Show Slides: WYR Games slides 1-11

Play as many rounds as time allows

Game Slide 1: Swim in a pool filled with JELL-O®? OR Swim in a pool filled with spaghetti?

Game Slide 2: Eat only ice cream for a whole day? OR Eat only cheeseburgers for a whole day?

Game Slide 3: Live at the beach for the whole summer? OR Live at a mountain lake for the whole summer?

Game Slide 4: Have unlimited slushies all summer? OR Have unlimited pizza all summer?

Game Slide 5: Have a giant water balloon fight? OR Have a giant slip-and-slide race?

Game Slide 6: Never get sunburned again? OR Never get mosquito bites again?

Game Slide 7: Spend a day at a water park? OR Spend a day at an amusement park?

Game Slide 8: Have ice-cold air-conditioning everywhere you go? OR Have perfect weather outside every day?

Game Slide 9: Build the world's biggest sandcastle? OR Win a cannonball contest?

Game Slide 10: Have a pet dolphin for the summer? OR Have a pet turtle for the summer?

Game Slide 11: Have a popsicle that never melts? OR Have a snow cone that never melts?

You guys made some great—and interesting—choices!

Thanks for playing! Let's get ready to worship together!

WORSHIP

Let's dive into worship. No matter what's happened this week, we can know God is with us. He is aware of everything and walks with us. Let's sing!

Show Worship:

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I love getting to worship with you all. Worship isn't just something we do; it's something that prepares our hearts to hear from God. And today, God wants to speak to you!

Let's go ahead and sit down and get ready for our Bible Story today.

INTRO

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All summer long, we're learning about God's kingdom. God's kingdom is where His ways are lived out.

Let me ask you something really quickly. Have you ever been listening to someone give you instructions—a teacher, coach, or parent—and as soon as they walked away, you realized you remembered exactly zero percent of what they said?

Anybody relate? We all hear things differently. Sometimes we're paying attention. Sometimes we're not. Sometimes life is loud, distracting, crowded, or just a lot.

(HOLD UP BIBLE.) Today's true story from the Bible is in the book of Matthew, chapter 13. The people who followed Jesus around were the same way. Huge crowds came out to hear Him, but not everybody walked away with the same experience. Let's check out our video!

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK1 So&So

APPLICATION

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Today, we learned that the parable of the farmer isn't really about dirt; it's about people. Some people don't let God's words in. Some people start strong but fade when life gets hard. Some people are too crowded with other things to make room for God. But here's the amazing part: God's kingdom grows when

we hear His words and actually do what He says. It starts in your heart, and it can grow through you to make a difference in the world around you.

And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about! Let's check it out.

Show Graphic: WK1_Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says.

Repeat that with me! (Repeat with leaders and kids)

Let's take a look at this month's Memory Verse! It's Romans 14:17. Paul is talking to the church in Rome.

Show Verse: Romans 14:17 NIrV

God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17 NIrV

Repeat that with me nice and loud!

(Repeat verse several times with kids and leaders)

So here's the question I want you to think about, not just right now, but all week.

Show Conversation Starter: WK1

What are you going to do with what you've heard? Not what your friend is going to do. Not what your leader wants you to do. Not what you *should* do because you're at church. What are you going to do with what God planted in your heart today? What stuck with you today? What do you feel like God might be saying to you? What needs to change for His voice to actually grow in your life?

That's what your Small Group is diving into next. Let's take a moment to pray together, friends.

PRAYER

(or invite a kid to pray for your group)

Dear God, thank You for speaking to us today. Thank You for planting Your truth in our hearts. Help us hear You, really hear You, even when life gets loud or distracting. Grow Your kingdom in us. Grow Your peace, Your joy, Your courage, and Your love in us. And when You speak ... help us not just hear what You say, but actually do it. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Groups

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)



Bible Story: The Parable of the Bags of Gold • *Matthew 25:14-30 NIV*

Bottom Line: God's kingdom grows when you use what He has given you.

Conversation Starter: "What has God given you?"

Monthly Memory Verse: *God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit.* • Romans 14:17 NIV

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GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Bible
- 2-3 Pool noodles



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WELCOME

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Hey, everyone! Welcome to Flatirons Kids! I'm so glad you're here today. All summer, we are on an adventure—a Kingdom Quest!

We're deep into summer now—long days, late nights, sunscreen that never works, and hopefully, you've run through the sprinklers at least once. But whatever your summer has been like—awesome, boring, chaotic, or surprisingly chill—I'm really glad you're here!

We're spending this summer learning about God's kingdom. God is loving, joyful, kind, good, just, and honest—among other things. And God's kingdom is where He reigns, and where those characteristics are the way things operate! God's kingdom is a great, great place!

Let's start with some fun! Let's play a game...

GAME TIME

I've got a challenge that looks easy ... until you're the one doing it. Today, we're going to play 'Balance Battle!'

SLIDE: Balance Battle! Title

I need a few volunteers who think their summer reflexes are on point. If you've spent July waking up at noon ... we're about to find out how that's working for you.

(Pick 2-3 kids from the ones who have their hands raised, and invite them to the front/stage.)

Here's how the game works: Each of you gets a pool noodle. You're going to balance it vertically on your hand—just your flat, open palm. No gripping. No pinching. No leaning it on your body. Palm only.

(Demonstrate balancing one of the pool noodles with a flat hand.)

If you drop your pool noodle or it falls, you're out! Whoever balances their pool noodle the longest wins! Sound good?

(Line up each player in a straight line facing the audience, and give each player a pool noodle.)

Players ready? Audience, are you ready to cheer them on? Let's do this! 3 ... 2 ... 1 ... Balance!

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Play the game. Encourage the players, and involve the audience.)

(If the game is too easy, instruct the kids to stand on one foot, hop on one foot, jump up and down, or walk around the game area as they're trying to balance the pool noodles.)

(Play until there's only one kid left balancing their pool noodle. Declare the winner.)

And ... we have a winner! Give it up for (kid's name)!

(As time allows, continue another round with new volunteers.)

Awesome job! You can all take your seats.

WORSHIP

Let's get ready to worship! This is our chance to pause, breathe, and remember who God is—right here, right now, in the middle of summer, in the middle of whatever kind of week you had. If you don't know the words to this song, that's okay! You can follow along—what's important is for you to acknowledge that God is on the throne and worship Him. Let's sing!

Show Worship:

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Thanks for worshipping with me. Let's go ahead and sit down and get ready for our Bible Story today.

INTRO

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All summer long, we're going on a Kingdom Quest to learn all about God's kingdom. But more than that, as we learn about God's kingdom, we are going to learn about its King!

Let me ask you guys something: Have you ever been given something, and you weren't really sure what to do with it? Maybe it was a school project, a job in your house, a spot on a team, and you froze. You weren't sure if you could do it. You weren't sure if you'd mess it up. And you started to freak out a little.

(Open the Bible) Today's Bible story is from the book of Matthew, chapter 25. Jesus tells a story about people who were given something valuable. He told what they did with it ... and what happened when one of them was too afraid to use what he had. Let's dive into the story.

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK2 So&So

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: KingdomQuest

God has placed something in your hands: your personality, your ideas, your skills, your compassion, your voice, your opportunities. Not so it can sit quietly, but so His kingdom can grow.

God isn't asking you to be perfect. He isn't asking you to be impressive. He's asking you to be faithful. To show up. To try. To use what He's given you. And He will do great, kingdom things when you do.

And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about! Let's check it out.

Show Graphic: WK2_Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] God's kingdom grows when you use what He has given you.

Say that with me! (Repeat with leaders and kids)

Let's look at our Memory Verse for this month. Jesus gave us these words to help us. I'll read it first, then we'll say it together!

Show Verse: Romans 14:17 NIV

God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17 NIV

Repeat that with me! (Repeat several times with kids and leaders)

Great job! God's kingdom grows inside you when you choose to follow Him. And God doesn't ask you to do that alone—the Holy Spirit helps you! The Holy Spirit helps you choose what is right, gives you peace when you feel unsure, and gives you joy.

Before we head to small groups, I want to leave you with one last question to think about.

Show Conversation Starter: WK2

What has God given you? In today's parable, each servant was given something. Not the same amount. Not the same responsibility. But each one had something that came straight from their master. And the whole point of the story isn't how much they had ... it's what they did with what they were given.

So take a second and think about it. Maybe it's a talent, something you're actually good at. Maybe it's a personality trait, like patience, or courage, or creativity. Maybe it's influence, and there are people who listen to you or look up to you. Maybe it's your ability to encourage people. Maybe it's your story. Maybe it is money, life circumstances, or opportunities.

Whatever it is, God didn't give it to you just for you to hold onto it. He gave it to you so something could grow in you and through you. That's what your Small Group is going to talk about today. What could happen if you actually used it the way He intended?

Let's take a quiet moment to talk to the good Master who left us with gifts. Let's pray.

PRAYER

(Or invite a kid to pray for the group)

God, thank You for the special gifts and talents You have given each of us. Help us use them instead of hiding them. Give us courage to try new things and do our best with what You've given us. Show us how to use our gifts to help others, honor You, and share Your love. We love You and want to follow You every day. In Jesus' name, amen.

SMALL GROUPS

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Bible Story: The Servant Who Had No Mercy • *Matthew 18:21-35*

Bottom Line: God's kingdom grows when you forgive.

Conversation Starter: What and who do you need to forgive?

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WELCOME

Hey, everybody! Welcome to another awesome day here at Flatirons Kids! I'm really glad you're here today. This room is better with you in it!

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This summer, we're on an adventure, a Kingdom Quest to learn all about God's kingdom. God's kingdom is good because the King is good. And we want God to spread this good kingdom everywhere because it is so good!

We've got a fun game, some worship, and a story Jesus told that might just get you thinking—in a good way! But first ... we're starting with a game. A summer game. And everyone gets to play!

GAME TIME

Did you guys know that today is National Ice Cream Day?! I love ice cream. So let's play an ice cream game ...
Scoop It or Skip It!

Show Title: Scoop It or Skip It!

In just a moment, you're going to see some ice cream flavors on the screen. Some will be delicious classics that you know and love. Others might be a little... strange. Really strange!

Your job is to decide:

Would you SCOOP IT? That means you'd be willing to try it!

Or would you SKIP IT? That means there's no way you're eating that flavor!

Here's how you answer:

If you'd SCOOP IT, stand up and give a BIG thumbs up!

If you'd SKIP IT, sit down and give a BIG thumbs down!

There are no right or wrong answers—just be honest about what you would do!

Let's see who's adventurous, who's picky, and who might actually want to eat pickle ice cream!

Ready? Here comes our first flavor...

Show Slides: Ice Cream flavors 1-8

- Banana Split

- Cookies and Worms
- Lemon and Hot Sauce
- Mint Chocolate Chip
- Mac and Cheese
- Peaches and Cream
- Pickle
- Rocky Road

Show slides and allow kids to move. Keep it fun!

Give yourselves a hand! We discovered that some of you love classic ice cream, some of you love weird ice cream, and some of you would apparently eat macaroni-and-cheese ice cream without even thinking twice! That was so fun! Before we get to our Bible lesson, let's prepare our hearts to worship.

WORSHIP

Here's the thing about worship: when we sing to God, we're not just singing songs—we're telling Him that we trust Him, we love Him, and we want to follow Him. God hears every voice in this room, and He loves it when we take time to worship Him together. Let's sing!

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I love worshipping God with you all! Let's sit down and get ready for our Bible Story today.

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(Hold up the Bible) Today's story from the Bible is from the book of Matthew, chapter 18. Jesus tells a story about a servant who was forgiven a huge debt but would not forgive someone else. Let's check out our video.

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Wk3 So&So

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: KingdomQuest

Jesus told this story to teach us that forgiveness isn't just something we do; it's something that sets us free. Unforgiveness keeps us stuck.

But Jesus made it clear: When we choose to forgive, even when it's hard, even when it doesn't feel fair, something powerful happens. The clouds lift. Our hearts clear. We show the world what the King is like. And He will do great kingdom things when we forgive.

In fact, that's what our Bottom Line is about today. Let's take a look.

Show Graphic: WK 3_Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] God's kingdom grows when you forgive.

Repeat that with me! (Repeat with leaders and kids)

Let's take a look at this month's memory verse. It's Romans 14:17.

Show Verse: Romans 14:17 NIV

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(Repeat several times with leaders and kids)

Before we head to small groups, I want to leave you with one last question to think about.

Show Conversation Starter: WK3

What and who do you need to forgive? That question might hit different for each of you. Maybe it's a friend who left you out. Maybe it's a person who never apologized. Maybe it's something small that's built up over time or something huge you've been carrying for a long while.

No one's asking you to fix everything today. No one's asking you to have every answer. But I am asking you to be honest. Ask yourself: What's the cloud I'm still carrying? Who is the person I keep thinking about? What would it look like to take even one small step toward forgiveness?

Let's pray.

PRAYER

(or ask a kid to pray for the group)

God, thank You for forgiving us, even when we don't deserve it and could never earn it. Your forgiveness is amazing. Help us forgive others the way You forgive us. When it's hard to let go of hurt, give us the strength to trust You and the courage to forgive from our hearts. We love You and want to follow Your example. In Jesus' name, amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)



Bible Story: The Story of the Widow Who Would Not Give Up • *Luke 18:1-8*

Bottom Line: God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit.* • Romans 14:17 NIV

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WELCOME

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatirons Kids! I'm so excited to see you here today!

I want you all to do something really quickly. Turn to someone near you, and tell them the most random thing you've done so far this summer. Go!

(Pause while kids talk to each other.)

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Awesome. Well, this summer, we've been on an adventure—a Kingdom Quest. We are learning all about God's kingdom! What is God's kingdom? Well, God's kingdom is anywhere He reigns! He is loving, joyful, kind, trustworthy, holy, and righteous—and all of these really great things. God's kingdom is good because the King is good.

Church is fun and Jesus is fun, so before we hear today's Bible story, let's play a game!

GAME TIME

Show Title: Act It Out: Summer Edition!

All right, everyone, it's time for **Act It Out: Summer Edition!**

Here's how this game works:

In a moment, you're going to see a summer word or activity pop up on the screen. It could be something you do at the beach, something you do on vacation, or something summer-related.

When you see the word, don't shout it out! Instead, start thinking about how you can ACT IT OUT using only your body and your face.

The music will begin. While the music is playing, get ready! When you hear the beep, everyone will act out the word at the same time! The bigger and sillier your acting, the better!

Let's practice. Everybody pretend you're putting on sunscreen... go! *(Let kids act it out.)*

Perfect! I think you're ready.

Watch the screen, get your acting skills ready, and let's play **Act It Out: Summer Edition!**

Show Slide: Act It Out: Ice Cream Melting

Show Slide: Act It Out: Sunscreen in eyes

Show Slide: Act It Out: Roller Coaster

Show Slide: Act It Out: Fireworks

Show Slide: Act It Out: Walking on hot sand

Show Slide: Act It Out: Campfire

Wow! That was crazy and so fun! You all did an amazing job acting out those summer activities. Just like you acted out the words on the screen, God wants us to live out what He teaches us every day.

Before jumping into our lesson, let's worship!

WORSHIP

I want to remind us why we worship in the first place. We don't worship because the songs are cool or because everyone else is doing it. We worship because God deserves it. Let's sing!

Show Worship:

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I love worshipping God with you all! Let's go ahead and sit down and get ready for our Bible Story today.

INTRO

Show Series Graphic: KingdomQuest

All summer long, we're learning all about God's kingdom.

Have you ever noticed how some things in life happen instantly ... and other things take forever? And when that happens, you start asking questions like, 'How long is this gonna take?' or 'Should I even bother anymore?'

(HOLD UP BIBLE.) Our true story from the Bible is from the book of Luke, chapter 18. Jesus knew people felt that way—not just back then, but now. One day, He told a story about someone who had every reason to give up ... but didn't. Let's check out the Bible story video!

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK4 So&So

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: KingdomQuest

God isn't annoyed by your prayers. He's not bothered. He's not too busy. He's the God who invites you to keep coming close. And every time you pray—even when His answer feels slow, even when you don't see anything changing—you're choosing to believe. You're coming to Jesus because you believe in Him. And that means so much to Him.

God wants us to talk to Him and talk to Him and talk to Him about what we want and need. And He promises that He will do great kingdom things when we do!

That reminds me of our Bottom Line for today. Let's see what it says.

Show Graphic: WK 4_Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up.

(Repeat with leaders and kids)

God is our friend, and He loves to hear from us. So our part in the friendship is simple: Keep praying, and keep going. Don't give up! Because God is close, and He cares, and He's working, even when we can't see it yet.

Let's look at our memory verse. It's Romans 14:17. I'll read it first, and then we'll say it together!

Show Verse: Romans 14:17 NIrV

God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17 NIrV

Let's say it together! (Repeat with leaders and kids)

Before we head to small groups, I want to leave you with one last question to think about.

Show Conversation Starter: WK4

What do you need to keep doing? Each of us has something in our life that feels like it takes effort. Something that feels slow. Something that makes us want to stop trying ... or stop praying.

That's why today's question matters. What do you need to keep doing? Maybe you need to keep having courage. Maybe you need to keep having patience. Maybe you need to keep believing God is actually listening. Or maybe you need some people around you who will help remind you not to give up. Whatever it is for you, that's what your group is going to talk about today. Be honest. Be real. You don't have to have perfect answers. Just start the conversation. Let's pray.

PRAYER

God, thank You for caring for us so well. You hear us, see us, and never get tired of us coming to You. Help us keep praying for what matters, even when answers take time or look different than we expect. Give us patience, strength, and faith like the widow—faith that keeps showing up. We love You, and we trust You with every prayer. In Jesus' name, amen.

SMALL GROUPS

Show Graphic: Small Group

(Dismiss kids to their small groups)