



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

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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

Show Series Graphic: KingdomQuest

Hi, friends! Welcome to Flatirons Kids! I'm so glad you are here. It's summer, and we are on an adventure to learn all about God's kingdom—our 'Kingdom Quest'!

We're going to discover some pretty amazing stories Jesus told that help us learn about God's kingdom. I'm so excited! Whether today is your first time here or you've been on this adventure all summer, you're in the right place! We've been learning together, worshiping together, and discovering the greatest adventure ever, which is living in God's kingdom.

Before we hear our Bible story, 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 Game 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

Here's the thing about worship: Worship doesn't have to be perfect. You don't have to know all the motions. You don't have to sing the loudest. Worship is something we do with our hearts. When we sing, we're saying to God, 'I love You, and I want to follow You.' Let's sing!

Show Worship: 2 songs

I love hearing you sing and seeing you worship God. When we worship, we're reminding our hearts that God is good, and He's always with us.

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

INTRO

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

Close your eyes and imagine this with me: you're outside on a warm, sunny day. You can feel a little breeze on your face. Maybe you hear birds chirping. And all of a sudden, you hear a big crowd coming. People are walking all around you, and they're coming to hear someone very special speak.

That someone is Jesus. People loved listening to Jesus. When He talked, everyone got quiet. Everyone wanted to hear what He had to say.

Jesus loved telling stories that helped people understand God's kingdom.

(HOLD UP BIBLE.) Today's true story from the Bible is in the book of Matthew, chapter 13. Jesus tells a story about a farmer who went out to plant seeds. Let's check out our video!

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK1 StoryLab

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: KingdomQuest

Jesus told this story to help people understand something very important. The farmer in the story spread seeds everywhere. But the seeds didn't grow the same way in every place. Some couldn't grow at all. Some grew for a little while. Some got crowded out. And some became strong and produced lots of crops.

In the same way, God's words are like seeds planted in our hearts. And just like the soil in Jesus' story, our hearts can be different too.

Sometimes our hearts might feel hard, like the path. Sometimes they might feel shallow, like the rocky soil. Sometimes they might feel full of thorns, like when we're distracted or worried. And when that happens, we can make a choice. We can say, 'I want to be like the good soil.' And that's when God's kingdom grows.

Today's Bottom Line talks about that too! Let's see what it says.

Show Graphic: WK1_Bottom Line

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

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

Jesus told this story because He wanted everyone to know something wonderful: God is always speaking to us. Every time we hear a Bible Story, every time we learn something Jesus said, it's like God is planting a tiny seed inside our hearts. The Holy Spirit can work through you to point to God's kingdom in the world around you.

Let's learn our new Memory Verse for this month! It's Romans 14:17!

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

Now, I'll lead you through each part. Repeat after me, nice and loud!

(Repeat verse several times with kids and leaders)

Great job! Before we go to our small groups, let's talk to God together, friends. You can bow your heads and close your eyes.

PRAYER

(or invite a kid to pray for your group)

Dear God, thank You for this story today. We want to be good soil. We want our hearts to be soft and ready to hear and obey You. We want to listen to Your words. We want to do what You say. We want our

hearts to be like good soil, so Your kingdom can grow in our lives and shine through us to others. 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.

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GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Bible
- 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 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

Today we're going to play a fun game called **Balance Battle!**
I need 3–4 volunteers. If you want to play, raise your hand!

(Choose 3–4 kids and invite them to the front.)

Here's how the game works:

Each player gets a pool noodle. Your job is to balance it standing straight up on your hand.
Keep your hand flat like a table. Don't grab the noodle. Don't hold it against your body. Just balance it on your hand! *(Show the kids how to do it.)*

If your pool noodle falls, you're out of the game. The last person still balancing their noodle wins!

Ready? Let's count down together:

3... 2... 1... BALANCE!

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Cheer on the players and encourage the audience to cheer, too.)

If balancing is too easy, try:

Standing on one foot

Hopping on one foot

Jumping up and down

Keep playing until only one player is left.

We have a winner! Let's give a big cheer for (Kid's Name)!

Great job, everyone! You can go back to your seats. That was fun! You all did great!

WORSHIP

Let's get ready to worship! Before we sing, let's remember something important: Worship is when we show God that we love Him. We can worship with our voices, our hands, our hearts, and even our thoughts. When we sing to God, we show our love for Him! Let's sing!

Show Worship: 2 songs

I love worshipping God with you all! Remember, you can worship God anywhere and anytime!

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 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!

To get us thinking about our Bible Story, let's talk about something fun. Turn to someone next to you, and tell them one thing you're really good at. Maybe you're great at drawing, or running, or baking, or helping, or making people laugh. Ready? Go! *(Pause briefly while kids talk to their neighbor.)*

Raise your hand if you'd like to share one thing you're good at with the whole group! *(Call on a few kids who have their hands raised, and let them share what they're good at.)* That's wonderful! God made each of you with special things you can do.

(Open the Bible) Today's Bible story is from the book of Matthew, chapter 25. Jesus tells a story to help his friends understand something special: when God gives you something, He wants you to use it. Not hide it or ignore it—use it!

Let's check out our video.

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK2 StoryLab

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: KingdomQuest

Jesus wanted His friends, and all of us, to understand that God gives each of us different gifts. Some people have many gifts. Some have a few. But all of them are important. And when we use those gifts to help others, to be kind, and to share God's love, we are showing God's good heart and His kingdom.

Jesus told this story to show what life in God's kingdom is like. This is a real story about life in the kingdom now! God gives His people real things to take care of while He is gone. Jesus, our Master, is in heaven now, but He is coming back! When He comes back, He's going to live with us forever. But in the meantime, He invites us to use every single thing He has given us to do things that make Him happy—just like the first two servants did. They loved their master, and so they used whatever the master gave them to make him happy. They grew and grew what their master had given them. God will do the same thing with the gifts He has given you! God will do great kingdom things with the gifts He has given you when you use them!

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

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

Say 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 that bubbles up inside.

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 your group)

God, thank You for giving each of us special gifts. Thank You for putting us in unique places to use every little thing You've given us. We want to use everything You've given us to show Your love to others. We want Your kingdom to grow, and we are ready to be part of it. We want to make You happy with the way we live our lives. 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 Servant Who Had No Mercy • *Matthew 18:21-35*

Bottom Line: God's kingdom grows when you 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!

Show Series Graphic: KingdomQuest

This summer, we're on an adventure, a Kingdom Quest, to learn all about God's kingdom. God is good, kind, just, trustworthy, and patient, and His kingdom is anywhere He reigns. We're going to keep going on our journey of learning about God's kingdom.

I'm so glad you are here at church today and we love to have fun! Let's start with a game!

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

-Cookie 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 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!

Show Worship: 2 songs

I love worshiping God with you all! Remember, you can worship God anywhere and anytime! Let's go ahead and 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: Video_WK3 StoryLab

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: KingdomQuest

We are the servant who has been forgiven of the huge debt we could never repay. We sinned and broke our closeness with God, and we couldn't ever, ever, ever fix that. But Jesus came and paid for our sin. He made a way for us to be forgiven! God has forgiven us of something so big!

When we see how much God forgives us, we start to understand how big His love is. And when we choose to forgive others, we help show that same love to the world.

When we forgive others like Jesus has forgiven us, we are pointing to God's kingdom. We are being forgiving like God! And God will do great kingdom things when we forgive like He does.

That's what our Bottom Line today is all about. Let's take a look at it together.

Show Graphic: WK3_Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] God's kingdom grows when you forgive.

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

Forgiving someone doesn't mean what they did was okay. If someone makes you uncomfortable, tell a grown-up you trust! But forgiveness means you are choosing not to keep the hurt or the mad feelings inside your heart anymore. You're giving those feelings to God so He can help your heart feel clean and light again.

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

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

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

Great job! Let's take a quiet moment to talk to the King who has forgiven us of so much.

PRAYER

(or invite a kid to pray for your group)

God, thank You so much for forgiving us of our massive debt, just like the king in the story. Sometimes people hurt our feelings, and sometimes we end up holding onto hurt or mad feelings that feel yucky. But we don't want to carry those around anymore. Today, we give those hurt and mad feelings to You. Please help our hearts feel clean and light again. Help us forgive others the way You forgive us. We want Your kingdom to grow. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

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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.

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**Lower Elementary
Large Group**

**July 2026
Week 4**

WELCOME

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

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This summer, we're 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 where 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

Give yourselves a big hand! 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 we hear our Bible story, let's worship together.

WORSHIP

Worship is one of the most wonderful things we get to do together. It's our time to turn our attention toward God—to remember that He's near, He listens, and He loves us more than we can imagine. Let's sing!

Show Worship: 2 songs

I love worshiping God with you all! Remember, you can worship God anywhere and anytime! Let's go ahead and sit down and get ready for our Bible Story today.

INTRO

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(HOLD UP BIBLE.) Our true story from the Bible is from the book of Luke, chapter 18. Jesus loved telling stories called parables! He told a story for times when praying feels hard. Let's check out the Bible story video!

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK4 StoryLab

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: KingdomQuest

This parable was Jesus' way of encouraging His friends. He wanted them to remember that talking to God is never wasted, never unnoticed, and never too small. It was His reminder to keep praying and not lose heart.

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: WK4_Bottom Line

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

Say that with me! (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)

God wants to hear your heart and invites you to share it with Him. What are you praying for right now? Keep asking. Let's talk to the God who loves it when we talk to Him!

PRAYER

(or invite a kid to pray for your group)

God, thank You for always listening when we pray. You are good and kind. Sometimes waiting is hard, and we feel frustrated or tired. Help us keep praying and not give up. We trust that You are working, even when we can't see it. Today, we bring You the things we've been praying about. We give them to You again and trust You with them. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

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