

**WEEKEND WORD:**

As we dive into our "Kingdom Quest" parables this month, remember that every time you welcome and care for a kid, you are planting tiny mustard seeds that God will grow into a massive, lifelong faith! You aren't just hosting a room; you are actively showing these kids the ultimate hidden treasure of how much Jesus loves them and wants them in His Kingdom. Thank you for your passion and for inviting our kids into the greatest story ever told!

PRO TIP:

- *Since we are diving into Jesus' parables this month, practice using your voice as a storytelling tool. If the room is getting wiggly, try dropping your voice to an exciting, intense whisper instead of just getting louder—it instantly makes kids lean in to hear what happens next!*

SCRIPT KEY:

- **Yellow highlighted text** are cues for audio and visual slides.
- *Red text is for nonverbal cues*

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Act It Out - Slides

WORSHIP

- **Alive**

- Goodbye Yesterday

**Upper Elementary
Large Group**

**June 2026
Week 1**

WEEK 1: UPPER ELEMENTARY (66 MIN. SERVICE)

WELCOME

(5:10pm // 9:10am // 11:10am)

PLAY: 2 Minute Countdown to dismiss from Small Groups to Large Group

As kids are coming in from small group, high five, walk around room, and welcome them!

WELCOME IN! I'm so glad YOU are here today.

While we wait for the rest of our small groups to come on in, I have a question for you to answer with the person next to you...

Since you are moving up today and officially getting a big "upgrade," would you rather upgrade your summer by having a swimming pool filled entirely with Jell-O, or a bicycle that hovers in the air?

Talk about it with the person next to you and I'll ask a few of you to answer in just a second!

As kids are answering with the person next to them, welcome in the rest of the kids coming in and give them the question! Walk around and find a few people to answer.

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I am seeing a lot of you who want to swim in that giant pool of Jell-O! (Pretend to swim through thick, squishy Jell-O!) And some of you want to ride that hovering bicycle! (Pretend to pedal high up in the air!)

Getting an awesome, crazy upgrade like that would make for the best summer ever! Well, guess what? You are actually getting a huge upgrade today, too, because it is officially MOVE-UP WEEKEND!

You are in a brand new grade, we all are in a brand new room, and you are officially older! Give your neighbor a huge high-five and say, 'Happy Move-Up!' (Pause for high-fives).

Since you are in a new grade, we are kicking off the summer with a brand new adventure called Kingdom Quest! For the next few weeks, we are going to be like explorers. We are going to look at some amazing, crazy stories that Jesus told and search for hidden treasures to learn all about God's Kingdom! But hey, before we get into that, we're going to play a game, because Jesus is FUN, so Church is FUN...

GAME: ACT IT OUT
(5:15pm // 9:15am // 11:15am)

Game: Act It Out

Show ACT IT OUT Slide

Alright everyone, it is time for our game! Since we are kicking off our summer, we are going to play a hilarious game called Act It Out: Summer Edition!

But to play this game, I need two of our awesome leaders up here on the stage with me! Let's hear it for (Leader 1 Name) and (Leader 2 Name)! (Cheer as leaders come up and stand by the buzzer).

Here is how we play: We are going to split the room right down the middle! This side of the room, you are Team (Leader 1)! Make some noise! (Pause for cheers). And this side of the room, you are Team (Leader 2)! Let me hear you! (Pause for cheers).

HOW TO PLAY:

- The Secret Prompt: In a second, a secret summer activity is going to pop up on the screen behind our leaders. Leaders, you have to face your team—NO peeking at the screen!
- Act It Out: Kids, when I say 'GO!', your job is to act out whatever is on the screen as best as you can! BUT here is the catch... you have to be completely silent! No talking or making noises!
- Buzz In: Leaders, you are going to watch your team closely. As soon as you think you know what they are acting out, you have to run and SMASH this buzzer!

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Now THAT was fun. I hope you guys had as much fun as I did. Now, before we head into one of my favorite times of the day...I have a special announcement for you all! Check out this video first.

ANNOUNCEMENT – RALLY JR (ONLY DO THIS FOR 2ND + UP)
(5:23pm // 9:23am // 11:23am)

Show RALLY JR – The Movie

Show RALLY JR – GRAPHIC

Okay, seriously... how epic was that trailer?! Guys, I am bouncing-off-the-walls excited because Rally Jr. is only a COUPLE OF WEEKS AWAY! The countdown is officially on, and it is going to be the absolute BEST night ever!

Think of it like our normal time together, but dialed ALL THE WAY UP. We are talking massive, crazy games, skits that will literally make you laugh until your stomach hurts, awesome worship, and learning about how huge Jesus' love is for us.

And here is the absolute best part—we are even having dinner together, and the entire night is totally, 100% FREE!

Because we are only two weeks out, right now is the perfect time to invite people! Think about your best friends from school, your teammates, or your neighbors. You need to invite them to come hang out with us!

So, here is your homework: when you get in the car today and your parents pick you up, I want you to look them right in the eye and say, "I HAVE to go to Rally Jr!" Since it's coming up so fast, make sure they get you signed up ASAP. You and your friends are NOT going to want to miss this!

WORSHIP

(5:23pm // 9:23am // 11:23am)

WORSHIP INTRO:

Guess what? The fun is not over yet! Now it is time for one of the absolute best parts of our weekend—it is time for Worship!

Since we are celebrating Move-Up Weekend and kicking off a brand new adventure, we are going to sing two of our absolute FAVORITE songs today: Alive and Goodbye Yesterday! These songs are all about how much life and joy Jesus gives us, and the best way to celebrate that is by singing out as loud as we can!

So everybody, jump up on your feet, spread out so you have plenty of room to dance, and let's worship together!

Play: Alive

Play: Goodbye Yesterday

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I love worshipping with you guys, and God loves it EVEN MORE. Let's take a seat and get ready for our bible story together.

INTRO

(5:31pm // 9:31am // 11:31am)

Like we talked about earlier, today we are officially kicking off our brand new summer series called Kingdom Quest!

For the next few weeks, we are going to be diving into some specific stories Jesus told called parables. Jesus used these stories to really make people stop and think. They help us discover deep, hidden truths about what God's Kingdom is really like—and more importantly, how we actually fit into it.

Today, Jesus uses something incredibly tiny to teach us something massive. But before we find out what it is, let's find it in God's Word!

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIME FROM STAGE: (Hold up your Bible!) Today's story is found in the book of Matthew. Matthew is the very first book in the New Testament. If you brought your Bible with you today, go ahead and hold it up! (Acknowledge the kids who brought their Bibles).

Alright, we are going to be hanging out in Chapter 13. Go ahead and find that, and keep your Bibles open so you can follow along.

Let's lock in and see what kind of tiny thing Jesus is talking about as we tune into a brand new episode of So + So Show. Let's check the screen!

BIBLE STORY

(5:33pm // 9:33am // 11:33am)

Show Video: Video_WK1 So&So Show

APPLICATION

(5:43pm // 9:43am // 11:43am)

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Okay, a tiny seed that grows into a massive tree. You might be sitting there thinking, 'Cool nature fact, but what does a story about a mustard seed have to do with my life?'

Well, if we are completely honest, sometimes it is easy to feel pretty small. You might look at adults or high schoolers and think, 'I'm only in 4th or 5th grade. I can't really do anything that actually matters or changes the world yet.'

But Jesus told this parable to completely flip that idea upside down. God actually specializes in using small things to make a massive impact! When you do something that feels like no big deal—like sticking up for someone who is getting picked on, inviting the new kid to sit with your friend group, or just being the one person who brings a positive attitude to a group project—God takes that small choice and multiplies it.

You do NOT have to wait until you are in middle school or until you are an adult to do big things for God. Every single time you choose to show someone love and respect, you are actively helping build God's Kingdom right here, right now. Jesus gave us these parables so we wouldn't have to guess what God is like, or the awesome part we get to play in His plan.

And that brings us straight to our very first Bottom Line for this brand new series

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[BOTTOM LINE] Jesus Shows Us God's Kingdom

Since Jesus shows us exactly what God's Kingdom is like, the next step is figuring out how to actually put that into action every single day.

That is why we are focusing on a brand new Memory Verse this month. This verse isn't just something to memorize for the fun of it; it is actually part of a really famous prayer that Jesus taught His closest followers when they asked Him how they should pray.

Show Verse: Matthew 6:10

Check it out on the screen. It says: 'May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven.' – Matthew 6:10.

When you memorize and pray this verse, you are basically making a commitment. You are telling God, 'I want to help make my school, my neighborhood, and my home look a little bit more like Your perfect Kingdom.' And just like we learned with that tiny mustard seed, you get to do that by making those everyday choices to step up, show respect, and love the people around you.

Let's stand up and read this out loud all together!

Show Verse: May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven.' – Matthew 6:10.

Let's say that all together. *Repeat several times with kids and leaders.*

Show Graphic: WK1_Conversation Starter

Now as we head into our small groups, I want you to be thinking about THIS question...

What is God's Kingdom?

Before we head to our small groups to learn more about this, I'd love for someone to pray for us! Anyone want to pray for our group?

PRAYER

(5:47pm // 9:47am // 11:47am)

HAVE A KID PRAY!

SMALL GROUPS

(5:48pm // 9:48am // 11:48pm)

(Dismiss kids to their small groups) **PLAY: SMALL GROUP LOOP**