



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

- So, So Good
- Goodbye Yesterday

**Upper Elementary
Large Group**

**June 2026
Week 3**

WEEK 3: UPPER ELEMENTARY (69 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 Flatirons Kids! I am so glad YOU are here today!

While we wait for the rest of our small groups to come on in and find their spots, I have a very important summer question for you to answer with your small group...

If you accidentally lost your absolute favorite summer sweet treat, and you had to search your entire neighborhood to find it, what treat are you searching for?

Talk about it with your small group right now, and I'll ask a few of you to answer in just a second! Ready? Go!

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

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I loved hearing some of those answers! They were so fun!

But you know what isn't always fun? When we try to do things our own way, and we end up making a giant, huge mess of things. Have you ever made a really big mistake and thought, 'Uh oh... my parents are going to be so mad at me'?

Well, today we are officially in Week 3 of our epic summer adventure, Kingdom Quest! Jesus is going to tell us a story about a guy who makes a massive mistake, takes all of his stuff, and runs far, far away. He makes a total mess of his life and thinks he has ruined his relationship with his dad forever. But how his

dad reacts when he finally comes back home is going to blow your mind, and it shows us exactly how God reacts when we mess up!

But hey, before we get into that, we're going to play a game, because Jesus is FUN, so Church is FUN..."

GAME: OVER/UNDER: SUMMER EDITION

(5:15pm // 9:15am // 11:15am)

Game: OVER/UNDER

Show OVER/UNDER Slide

Alright, it is time for our game! Since we are right in the middle of an epic summer, we are going to test your trivia skills with a brand new game called Over or Under: Summer Fun Edition!

Here is how it works: I need ONE incredibly brave volunteer to come up here to the stage and be our Official Guesser! (Pick a kid and bring them on stage). Let's make some noise for (Kid's Name)!

Now, I am going to ask (Kid's Name) a crazy summer trivia question—like, 'What is the world record for the largest glass of lemonade?'

(Kid's Name) is going to do their best to guess the exact number. But here is where the rest of YOU come in! Once they guess, you have to decide if you think the real answer is OVER their guess, or UNDER their guess!

We are going to vote with our bodies:

- **If you think the real answer is OVER (higher), I want you to stand up on your tiptoes and point up to the ceiling! (Demonstrate)**
- **If you think the real answer is UNDER (lower), I want you to crouch down low to the ground and point to the floor! (Demonstrate)**

Let's test it out right now so I know you've got it. Show me OVER! (Kids stand and point up). Awesome! Now show me UNDER! (Kids crouch down). Perfect!

If you get it right, you stay in the game! If you get it wrong, go ahead and sit down in your spot. Let's see who can survive until the very end!

Alright, (Kid's Name), are you ready? Everyone else, get your voting muscles ready... here is your very first question!

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Now THAT was fun. I hope you guys had as much fun as I did. Now, it's time for one of my FAVORITE parts of being here at Flatirons Kids... worship!

ANNOUNCEMENT – RALLY JR RECAP

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

Show RALLY JR – RECAP

Show KINGDOM QUEST

Give it up for our Official Guesser! That was amazing, you guys can all grab a seat!

Now, before we keep going, I have a massive question for you... How many of you guys came and hung out with us at Rally Jr. this past week?! If you were there, let me hear you make some noise! (Let the kids cheer).

Oh my goodness, it was SO. MUCH. FUN. The games were crazy, the worship was incredibly loud, and it was just the absolute best night hanging out with all of you!

Now listen, if you weren't able to make it this time, do NOT worry at all! We have plenty more epic events just like it coming up in the near future, so you will definitely get your chance to come party with us.

But whether you were there and want to relive the best night ever, or you missed it and want to see what all the hype was about, we put together a little video. Let's check out the screens and see what happened at Rally Jr.!

WORSHIP

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

WORSHIP INTRO:

How awesome was that video?! Alright, right now, I need absolutely everybody to jump up on your feet because it is time for Worship!

Today we are talking about a story where a son comes home after making a huge mess of his life, and his dad is so incredibly excited that he throws a massive party! Honestly, that is exactly what we are going to do right now. When we realize how much God loves us and how He completely forgives our past mistakes, the absolute best thing we can do is celebrate!

So we are going to sing two of our absolute favorites today: So, So Good and Goodbye Yesterday. We are going to sing out loud, we are going to say goodbye to our old mistakes, and we are going to celebrate how amazing it is to be loved by Jesus.

Are you guys ready? Let me hear you make some noise, and let's worship!

Play: So, So Good

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)

Wow! Awesome job worshipping today, everyone! You guys can go ahead and grab a seat.

We are officially in Week 3 of our epic summer adventure, **Kingdom Quest**! Remember, all summer long we are digging into special stories Jesus told—called *parables*. Jesus used these stories to teach us hidden truths about God's Kingdom and His incredible love for us.

Like I mentioned earlier, today we are looking at a story about a son who makes a massive mess of his life, takes his stuff, and runs far away. He thinks he has completely ruined his relationship with his dad forever. But before we see what his dad actually does when the son comes back, we need to find it in God's Word!

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIME FROM STAGE: *(Hold up your Bible!)* Just like last week, today's story is found in the book of **Luke**. Luke is one of the books in the New Testament that gives us a close-up look at everything Jesus said and did. *(Open your Bible to the middle, then flip a little to the right).*

If you brought your Bible with you today, go ahead and hold it up high so I can see it! *(Acknowledge and hype up kids who brought their Bibles).*

We are going to be in Chapter **15** again today—that is the big number **1** and **5**.

Alright, keep those Bibles open so you can follow along, get yourselves locked in, and let's find out what happens to this runaway son as we tune into a brand new episode of **Story Lab**! Let's check the screen!

BIBLE STORY

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

Show Video: Video_WK3 So & So Show

APPLICATION

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

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Okay, let's talk about how crazy that ending is. The son completely blew it. He took all of his dad's money, wasted it, and made the biggest mess possible. He was so sure his dad was going to be furious, that he actually practiced his apology speech on the walk home! He thought, 'Maybe if I just beg to be a servant, he won't kick me out entirely.'

But what did his dad do? He didn't cross his arms. He didn't give him a massive lecture. The second he saw his son, he ran to him, gave him a huge hug, and threw a massive party!

Now, why did Jesus tell this story? Because a lot of times, we feel exactly like that son. We mess up. We lie, we are mean to our siblings, or we do the exact thing our parents told us not to do. And when we mess up, we start to believe a lie. We think, 'God is definitely mad at me. I've messed up too many times, and God probably doesn't want me around anymore.'

But this story proves that is completely wrong! When Jesus tells us about the dad in this story, He is showing us exactly what God is like. God isn't waiting for you with a giant rulebook or a lecture. When you make a mistake, God is standing right there with His arms wide open, ready to forgive you the second you turn back to Him.

It doesn't matter what you've done, how many times you've messed up, or how far away you feel. God loves you, and He has saved a spot specifically for you. He wants you in His family! And that brings us right to our Bottom Line for today! Let's check the screen:

Show Graphic: WK3_Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO BE A PART OF HIS KINGDOM

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

Now let's look at our memory verse and say it all together! Let's look at 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 we learn this verse, we are basically telling God, 'Hey! I want to help make things down here on earth look exactly like they do up in Your perfect Kingdom!' And remember, just like that tiny mustard seed, we can do that by making small, awesome choices to love people every single day.

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.*

Before we head to our small groups to learn more about this, I'd love for someone to pray for us! Anyone want to be brave and 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**