



Upper Elementary

June 2026 Week 4



Bible Story: The Stories of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl • *Matthew 13:44-46*

Bottom Line: Loving God and His kingdom is most important.

Conversation Starter: What is most important?

Memory Verse: “Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don’t give up. “• *Matthew 6:10 NIV*

Notes

- *Blue text is a cue for audio and visual slides.*
- *Red text is for nonverbal cues.*

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Bible
- Plastic cups- 1 for every 2 kids

WORSHIP

- Wake
- Big House
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Inclusive Pro Tips



Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

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WELCOME

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

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Welcome back, everybody! This month, we've been talking all about God's kingdom! The full title of our series this month is 'Kingdom Quest—Seeking the Greatest Treasure'.

What is God's kingdom? God is loving, joyful, peaceful, kind, trustworthy, and patient. His kingdom is a place where those things fill everything and everyone. The kingdom is like the King! And God wants His kingdom to spread everywhere.

All summer long we are learning about God and his kingdom---but before we jump into worship and our Bible lesson, let's have some fun with a game.

GAME TIME

Today we're playing a favorite. It's called 'Head, Shoulders, Knees, Cup!'

SLIDE: Head, Shoulders, Knees, Cup! Title

I need players who think they have lightning-fast hands. First....find a partner, then we'll give each pair a cup.

(Have kids pair up. Place one cup on the floor in between each pair.)

Here's how this works: You'll face your partner with the cup between you. When I say, 'Head,' touch your head. 'Shoulders,' touch your shoulders. 'Knees,' touch your knees. But when you hear me say, "Cup," you grab the cup. The first one to grab it moves on to the next round, and we'll play until there's only one pair left. The person who wins that round is the champion!

Oh, and by the way, if you grab the cup early? You're out.

Sound good? Ready to play?

Okay players, hands down at your sides ... here we go.

Head ... Shoulders ... Knees ... Head ... Knees ... Head ... Shoulders ... CUP!

(The winners of that round move on to the next round and pair up with someone new; the losers of that round take their seats. Repeat rounds until two finalists remain.)

Alright, championship round! You two have made it all the way here.

Hands down ... ready?

Head ... Knees ... Shoulders ... Head ... Knees ... Shoulders ... CUP!

(Declare the winner.)

Make some noise for our Cup Champion! And let's give it up for all our players!

Let's jump into worship!

WORSHIP

Here's the thing about worship: we're not just singing words on a screen. Worship is reminding ourselves of what's true—what's true about God, what's true about how much He loves us, and what's true about how He never stops working in our lives. Even when things don't make sense, God is still faithful. Let's sing!

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I love worshipping God with you all! And here's the best part: Worship doesn't end when the music stops. You can keep worshipping God all throughout your week by the choices you make, the way you treat people, and the way you trust Him in moments that feel small or challenging. Let's go ahead and sit down and get ready for our Bible lesson.

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!

But before we talk more about God's kingdom, I have a quick question for the room—raise your hand if you've ever lost something, and the moment you found it, it was just the best feeling ever.

Exactly! It really is the best feeling! Here's the thing: Sometimes, you find something small that makes your whole day better, and other times, you find something so valuable that everything else fades into the background. It grabs your attention instantly. It becomes the most important thing in the room.

(HOLD UP BIBLE.) Today we are in the book of Matthew. We're going to look at two stories Jesus told about people who discovered something just like that. Something so surprising and so valuable that

everything else shifted the moment they saw it. Let’s check out our video!

BIBLE TRUTH

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APPLICATION

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Today’s parables remind us that when people really saw the value of God’s kingdom, everything else shifted. Not because the other things weren’t good, but because they finally understood what mattered most. The man who found the treasure, the merchant who found the pearl, and even the disciples who dropped their nets all had the same moment: They saw something so good and so valuable that following God became the clear choice.

Our Bottom Line today helps remind us what’s most important. Let’s take a look.

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[BOTTOM LINE] Loving God and His kingdom is most important.

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

In both stories, the moment the treasure was discovered, everything made sense. The decision wasn’t forced. It wasn’t stressful. It was joyful. Because when you discover something truly valuable, it becomes clear what matters most. And that’s exactly what Jesus wanted the crowd to understand about God’s kingdom. God’s kingdom isn’t something you add to your already full list. It becomes the center—the thing that helps everything else fall into its right place.

Just like the disciples—they weren’t running away from their jobs or their families. They weren’t trying to escape their lives. They simply saw something in Jesus that was worth more. Something worth following. Their decision wasn’t about losing something; it was about gaining something far greater.

Let’s take a look at this month’s Memory Verse. Jesus taught these exact words because He wanted His followers, including us, to understand what it looks like to want God’s ways. We can pray bold prayers asking for God’s kingdom to come down to where we are. It’s Matthew 6:10, and it says:

Show Verse: Matthew 6:10 NIrV

**‘May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven.
Matthew 6:10 NIV’**

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

When you begin to understand how good God is and how incredible His kingdom is, it changes the way you see everything else. Not because those things stop mattering ... but because you’ve seen something that matters most. The treasure. The pearl. The kingdom and the oh-so-good God who reigns over it.

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

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What is most important? Today, we looked at two stories Jesus told—stories where people discovered something so valuable that it changed the way they saw everything else. The treasure in the field. The pearl worth more than every other pearl. And even the disciples dropping their nets the moment Jesus called them. None of those people were forced to make a choice. They simply recognized something better.

A lot of the time, our lives feel full of things that matter to us—our friendships, our hobbies, our goals, the things we enjoy. And those things *do* matter. But Jesus’ stories invite us to step back and ask a big question: What actually comes first in my life? What is the thing that matters most? Not the automatic answer ... the honest one.

As you head into Small Groups, talk about it. Think about the things that feel important to you, the things you chase, the things that hold your attention. And be open to the idea that Jesus might be showing you something even better—something worth building your whole life around.

Let’s take a quiet moment to pray together.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for showing us what matters most. Thank You for the stories You told and for the way You help us understand God’s kingdom. Sometimes, we get distracted by a lot of good things in our lives, but help us see Your goodness even more clearly. Help us want what You want. Help us love what You love. Jesus, thank You for inviting us to follow You, just like You invited the disciples. We want to put You first in the everyday moments of our week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

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(Dismiss kids to their small groups)