



WEEKEND WORD:

Welcome to July! As we continue our "Kingdom Quest," we are diving into exactly how Jesus teaches us to live in and grow God's Kingdom. Every weekend, you make this reality for our kids. Whether you're planting faith like seeds in good soil, helping them use their unique gifts, showing them how to forgive, or encouraging them to keep praying, you are doing so much more than just teaching a lesson. You are launching kids into a lifelong adventure with Jesus. Thank you for leading so well!

PRO TIP:

- *Since today's story is all about a farmer throwing seeds into different types of dirt, use this as a chance to get incredibly physical and silly on stage! As you talk about the farmer scattering the seeds, pretend to grab handfuls of "invisible seeds" out of a bucket and chuck them all over the audience. When you talk about the birds swooping down to eat the seeds off the hard path, make crazy bird noises and pretend to peck around the stage. When the sun scorches the plants with no roots, wipe your forehead and act ridiculously sweaty and exhausted. Acting out the different soils gives the kids a hilarious, visual anchor that will help them remember the lesson long after they leave!*

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Act It Out - Slides

WORSHIP

- So So Good
- Washed

Second + Third
Large Group

July 2026
Week 1

WEEK 1: SECOND + THIRD (63 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'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 in your small groups...

Since we are talking about a farmer throwing seeds today, if you were a crazy scientist farmer, would you rather invent a seed that grows massive watermelons the size of a minivan, or a seed that grows annoying, talking carrots that scream every time you take a bite?

Talk about it with your small group and I'll ask a few of you to answer in just a second!

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 am seeing a lot of you who want to grow watermelons the size of a minivan! (Pretend to try and wrap your arms around a giant watermelon and completely fail to lift it!) And some of you actually chose the screaming carrots! (Pretend to take a bite of a carrot, jump back, and let out a funny, high-pitched scream!)

Inventing crazy, massive crops like that in your backyard would be hilarious! Well, guess what? Today, we are officially kicking off a brand new month of our massive summer adventure, Kingdom Quest!

Since we are explorers this summer, we are going to keep searching for hidden treasures in the amazing parables Jesus told. Today, Jesus is telling a messy story all about a farmer who is chucking tiny seeds out into the dirt, and we are going to find out how those tiny seeds can actually teach us a massive secret about how God's Kingdom grows!

But hey, before we get our hands dirty, we're going to play a game, because Jesus is FUN, so Church is FUN...

GAME: 1 ARM | 2 ARM | NO ARMS
(5:15pm // 9:15am // 11:15am)

Game: 1 ARM, 2 ARM, NO ARMS

Show 1 ARM, 2 ARM, NO ARMS Slide

Alright, everybody jump up on your feet, shake the wiggles out, and get your listening ears locked in! It is game time!

Today we are playing a brand new, insanely fast game called **1 Arm, 2 Arms, 0 Arms!**

The rules are super simple, but you have to be quick. I am going to ask you a crazy trivia question, and the answer will ALWAYS be the number 1, the number 2, or a big fat 0.

Here is how you lock in your answer:

- If you think the answer is 1, you shoot **ONE ARM** straight up in the air like this! (Hold up one arm and strike a heroic pose!)
- If you think the answer is 2, you throw **TWO ARMS** in the air like you're dropping down a massive roller coaster! (Throw both arms up and yell 'Ahhh!')
- And if you think the answer is 0, you cross your arms super tight and give me **ZERO ARMS!** (Cross your arms and give a serious, tough-guy face!)

Let's do a quick practice round to make sure your brains are working! Question: How many noses are currently on your face? Lock it in! (Look around the room). Yes! I see a lot of single arms in the air! The answer is one!

There are no teams today, which means you are playing for ultimate bragging rights! Every time you get it right, give yourself a point and keep track in your head.

Are you ready to test your brains? Get those arms ready... let's play!

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Now THAT was fun. I hope you guys had as much fun as I did. Now, we are about to head into one of my favorite times of the day...WORSHIP!

WORSHIP

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

WORSHIP INTRO:

Okay, that game was intense! But guess what? We are turning the energy up even higher because it is time for Worship!

Before the music starts, let me ask you a question. Have you ever won an epic video game match, or seen your favorite team score the winning goal, and you just absolutely lose your mind cheering? (Pretend to cheer, pump your fists, and go crazy!)

That is exactly what worship is! It isn't just standing around singing quiet songs. It is our chance to go all out, get loud, and celebrate how massive and awesome God is!

Today, we are singing So So Good because God's goodness is completely off the charts. And then, we are dropping a brand-new song called Washed! It is super high-energy, it's going to make you want to jump, and it is all about how Jesus has completely forgiven us and made us brand new!

So everybody, jump up on your feet, spread out so you have plenty of room to move, and let's blow the roof off this place! Let's worship!

Play: Washed

Play: So So Good

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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! What an awesome time of worship! You guys can go ahead and grab a seat right where you are.

We are officially in month two of our massive summer adventure, Kingdom Quest! All summer long, we are looking at special stories Jesus told called parables. Think of a parable like a locked treasure chest or a secret cheat code—it sounds like a totally normal story on the outside, but it unlocks massive, hidden truths on the inside about what God's Kingdom is really like!

Earlier, we talked about inventing some crazy, massive crops in the dirt. Well, today Jesus is telling a story about a farmer who is chucking tiny seeds into all different kinds of dirt! He uses this incredibly messy story to teach us a massive secret about how God's Kingdom actually grows. But before we find out what happens, 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! (Open your Bible to the middle, then flip to the right to find the New Testament).

If you brought your Bible with you today, hold it high above your head so I can see it! (Acknowledge and hype up kids who brought their Bibles—give them a shoutout!)

We are going to be looking in Chapter 13—that is the big number 13.

Alright, keep those Bibles open, get your eyes locked forward, and get ready to take some mental notes. Let's find out exactly what happens to these seeds as we tune into this week's episode of Story Lab! Let's check the screen!

BIBLE STORY

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

Show Video: Video_WK1 StoryLab

APPLICATION

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

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Okay, how crazy was that? The farmer threw the exact same seeds absolutely everywhere, but they only actually grew into massive, strong plants when they landed in the GOOD dirt! (Pretend to wipe dirt off your hands!)

Now, you might be sitting there thinking, 'Alright, that is a cool story about farming, but what does dirt have to do with ME?'

Well, Jesus told this story to teach us a massive secret about how we live our lives! In this story, the seeds are like the things God tells us to do—like loving others, forgiving people, and being kind. And our hearts are like the dirt!

Sometimes, we act like the hard path or the weedy dirt. We hear what God says, or we hear our parents say, 'Hey, finish your homework before you jump on your tablet,' but it just goes in one ear and out the other. We just ignore it and do whatever we want!

But God wants our hearts to be like the GOOD dirt! Being the good dirt means we don't just listen to what God says... we actually do it! When you choose to include the kid who is sitting by themselves at recess, when you choose to do your chores the very first time you are asked, or when you choose to forgive a friend instead of trying to get even, you are being the good dirt!

When we choose to listen to God and actually take action to do what He says, something amazing happens. God takes those good choices and uses them to grow His Kingdom bigger and bigger right here on earth!

And that brings us straight to our Bottom Line for today! Let's check the screen

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[BOTTOM LINE] God's kingdom grows when you hear + do what He says.

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

Since Jesus shows us exactly what God's Kingdom is like, we want to make sure we remember how to live that out every single day!

That is exactly why we are memorizing a brand new verse this month! This verse is actually from a letter written by a guy named Paul to a bunch of Jesus-followers in Rome. It is basically a cheat code to help us remember exactly what it looks like to bring God's Kingdom to our schools, our sports teams, and our neighborhoods!

Let's look at the screen together. It says

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

Now, that might sound a little silly at first. We all love eating and drinking—especially if it is something awesome like pizza or ice cream! (Pretend to eat a giant ice cream cone!) But this verse is teaching us a massive secret. It means God's Kingdom isn't just about the stuff we have or the things we consume. God's Kingdom is about doing the right thing, bringing peace, and having massive JOY!

When we learn this verse, it helps us remember that the best way to show people what God's Kingdom looks like is by making good choices and being full of Jesus' joy!

So let's stand up on our feet, get our big outside voices ready, and practice saying our brand new Memory Verse all together!

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**