

**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:

- *Keep your 2nd and 3rd graders totally locked in by using massive physical comedy! When the master hands out the gold, pretend it's ridiculously heavy—wobble your knees and let it drag you down. For the servants who went to work, act out a high-speed business montage (type fast, make calls, count cash!). For the last servant, look super suspicious and frantically "dig a hole" to bury the bag. These hilarious visual anchors will help them remember the lesson all week long!*

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Four Corners - Slides

WORSHIP

- So So Good
- Washed

Second + Third
Large Group

July 2026
Week 2

WEEK 1: SECOND + THIRD (64 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...

If you could wake up tomorrow and instantly be the absolute best in the world at one random, epic skill—like hitting impossible basketball trick shots, speed-running your favorite video game, or doing massive backflips on a trampoline—what would you want your skill to be?

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.

Show Series Graphic: KINGDOM QUEST

I am hearing so many of you who want to wake up and immediately start draining impossible basketball trick shots! And some of you are ready to speed-run your favorite video games or start throwing massive backflips!

Having an epic talent like that would be absolutely incredible! Well, guess what? Today, we are continuing our massive summer adventure, Kingdom Quest!

Since we are explorers this summer, we are going to keep searching for hidden treasures in the amazing stories Jesus told. Today, Jesus is telling a story all about a master who hands his workers heavy, giant bags of gold! (*Pretend to hold a ridiculously heavy bag of gold—wobble your knees and let it completely*

drag your arms down!) We are going to find out exactly what they do with it, and how it shows us how God's massive 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: FOUR CORNERS
(5:15pm // 9:15am // 11:15am)

Game: FOUR CORNERS – Food Edition

Show FOUR CORNERS Slide

Alright everyone, jump up on your feet! It is time to play a massive game of Four Corners: Food Edition!

Here is how it works: Take a look around the room. We've got four corners numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Point to the corners as you count them).

In just a second, four different foods are going to pop up on the screen. You will have exactly ten seconds to pick your favorite and hustle over to that corner.

But here is the twist! While you are moving, I am going to secretly lock in MY choice. (Pretend to shield a piece of paper like a top-secret document and scribble on it really fast).

When the timer hits zero, everybody freezes! I will read my choice out loud, and if you are standing in the corner I pick... you are OUT! You will head back and sit with your Small Group Leader.

But, if you are in any of the other three corners, you survive to play the next round!

Here are the ground rules for today: Move fast, but do not crash! No shoving, stay on your feet, and always listen to your leaders.

Alright, get ready! Let's check the screens for round one... GO!

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

WORSHIP INTRO:

Okay, dodging all those food corners was intense! You guys are incredibly fast! But guess what? We are keeping that momentum going and 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, watched your favorite driver make a massive pass on the final lap, or seen your team smash a game-winning goal into the net, 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. It is our chance to go all out, get loud, and celebrate how massive and awesome God is!

Today, we are kicking things off with So So Good. And then, we are bringing back the song we just learned last week called Washed! You guys already know this one is fun, 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

Show Series Graphic: KINGDOM QUEST

Wow, you guys brought the energy today! Go ahead and take a massive, deep breath with me... (take a loud, exaggerated deep breath in and out)... and grab a seat.

Before we find out what happens with those giant bags of gold, let's take a second to talk to God. Did you know you can talk to God right inside your head, without making a sound, and He hears you perfectly? It's true! Right now, go ahead and close your eyes. (Demonstrate closing your eyes).

With your eyes closed, I want you to think of one epic thing that happened this week. Maybe you crushed it at a video game, hung out with your best friend, or ate an amazing new food.

I am going to give you a few seconds of quiet. Right now, just talk to God in your head and say, 'Thank You, God, for that awesome thing!' Let's do that now.

(Pause for 10-15 seconds of complete silence to let them pray).

God, thank You for every friend in this room and for giving us so many great things to be thankful for. Help us to have open ears and open hearts to learn more about Your Kingdom today. We love You! In Jesus' name we pray... and everybody said... AMEN!

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

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. Jesus loved telling parables because they are like treasure chests—they are fun stories on the outside, but they hold amazing, hidden truths on the inside about what God's Kingdom is really like!

Earlier, we talked about what we would do if we suddenly woke up with an epic talent, like draining impossible trick shots or speed-running a video game! Well, today Jesus is telling a story about a master who hands out something else—giant, ridiculously heavy bags of gold! (*Pretend to struggle holding a super heavy bag—wobble your knees and let it completely drag your arms down!*) He uses this story to teach us a massive secret about how God's Kingdom grows when we actually use what we are given. 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, go ahead and hold it up high in the air so I can see it! (*Acknowledge and hype up kids who brought their Bibles—make it a big deal!*)

We are going to be looking in Chapter 25.

Alright, keep those Bibles open and get totally locked in! Let's find out exactly what those workers do with all that heavy gold 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_WK2 StoryLab

APPLICATION

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

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Okay, how crazy was that? The master handed out these gigantic, super heavy bags of gold! (*Pretend to drop a massive, heavy bag on the floor and wipe your forehead with a big 'Phew!'*) Two of the workers went right to work and did amazing things, but that last guy just panicked, grabbed a shovel, and buried his gold right in the dirt! (*Pretend to frantically dig a hole!*)

Now, you might be sitting there thinking, 'Okay, that is a cool story, but I don't have a giant bag of gold! What does this have to do with ME?'

Well, Jesus told this story to teach us a massive secret! You see, God might not hand you a heavy bag of treasure, but He HAS given you some epic gifts and talents! Maybe He gave you a brain that is great at solving problems, a talent for making people laugh, or maybe you are just an incredibly loyal friend.

Sometimes, we act a lot like the worker who hid his gold in the dirt. We decide we are too nervous to use our funny jokes to cheer someone up, we pretend we don't hear our parents when they need help around the house, or we keep our encouraging words totally to ourselves. We just bury our gifts!

But God doesn't want us to hide what He gave us! He wants us to USE it! When you use your sense of humor to make a new kid feel welcome, when you use your time to help your family, or when you use your voice to stand up for a friend, you are using the exact gifts God gave you!

When we choose to step up and actually USE the awesome things God has given us, something epic happens. God takes those choices and uses them to grow His Kingdom bigger and bigger right here, right now!

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 use what He's given you!

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

Now that we know God wants us to actually use our epic gifts and talents instead of burying them, we need a game plan for exactly how to do it!

That is exactly why we are locking in our Memory Verse this month. You can think of this verse like the ultimate cheat code! It helps us remember exactly how to use our gifts to show people what God's Kingdom looks like at school, on our sports teams, and right here in our neighborhoods. Let's check it out!

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 crazy! We all love eating epic food—like crushing a massive slice of pizza or a huge burger! (*Pretend to take a giant bite out of a massive burger!*) But this verse is teaching us a massive secret: God's Kingdom isn't just about the stuff we get or the things we want. It is about doing the right thing, bringing peace, and having massive, off-the-charts JOY!

When we lock this verse into our brains, it helps us show everyone exactly what God's Kingdom really looks like.

So let's jump up on our feet, bring the noise, and practice our 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**