



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:

- *This is a GREAT weekend to give lots of personal (age appropriate) examples! When YOU show kids that you're just like them, they connect, relate, and are inspired to live in a way that honors God – because YOU do too!*
- *YOU HAVE A HUGE ROLE TO PLAY DURING WORSHIP! Don't be afraid to call out times for them to sing, dance, clap their hands, or remember how GOOD God is. Use your mic consistently throughout the worship experience to encourage engagement from your kids!*

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Would You Rather Slides

WORSHIP

- Washed
- So So Good

**Second + Third
Large Group**

**July 2026
Week 3**

WEEK 3: SECOND + THIRD (70 MIN. SERVICE)

WELCOME

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

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 very special announcement... *THIS SUNDAY IS NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY! In honor of this VERY important holiday, I want you to answer in your small groups...*

What is your FAVORITE Ice Cream flavor?

If you want to add an extra question – what's your LEAST favorite ice cream flavor?

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

Mmmmmm now this is making me hungry – I think we should ALL get some ice cream today. Who's with me?

Well Flatirons Kids, I am SO glad you're here today, because not only is it National Ice Cream day this Sunday, it's ALSO another weekend of our **Kingdom Quest series**.

We are going to keep searching for amazing truths for our lives from the stories Jesus told. This weekend we're learning all about forgiveness, which is REALLY hard to do... but Jesus has a hot take on forgiveness that ultimately makes our lives better, and GROWS the Kingdom of God.

But hey, before we learn all about this story, we're going to play a game, because Jesus is FUN, so Church is FUN.

GAME: WOULD YOU RATHER – NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY EDITION

(5:20pm // 9:20am // 11:20am)

Game: WOULD YOU RATHER – National Ice Cream Day Edition

Show WOULD YOU RATHER Slide

Because it's national ice cream day this Sunday, we HAD to play an Ice Cream game... so, let's play WOULD YOU RATHER, National Ice Cream Day edition!

Here's how the game works, I'm going to show a would you rather question on the screen. If you would rather choose THIS side's option *point to one side of the room*, you'll go to that side. If you'd rather choose THIS side's option *point to the other side of the room*, you'll go to that side. Got it?

Ok... let's BEGIN!

Show WOULD YOU RATHER slides 1-8

Show Series Graphic: KINGDOM QUEST

WORSHIP

(5:28pm // 9:28am // 11:28am)

WORSHIP INTRO:

Ok now some of you I think are CRAZY for choosing some of those options, but I think we can all agree ice cream is delicious, so we're all on the same team... now THAT was fun, but NOW it's time for my FAVORITE part of Flatirons Kids – WORSHIP!

Before we dive into worship, I want to ask you a question. Have you ever been embarrassed? *Raise your hand*. Yep, me too.

Sometimes during worship, at least for me, it's easy to think about what other people are thinking about me. Am I jumping too high? Singing too loud?

But here's what's true about worship Flatirons Kids... it's all about GOD. When we SING with all we've got. When we JUMP, DANCE, and CLAP, we're showing God it's not about ME or what other people think about me, it's about thanking YOU for all you've given me!

Now that's exactly what we're going to do, we're going to remove the distractions or the feeling like we've got to impress the people around us – we're going to simply talk to God together and make it ALL about Him!

Today, we are kicking things off with Washed, a song 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 worship!

Play: Washed

Play: So So Good

Show Series Graphic: KINGDOM QUEST

Wow, you guys brought the energy today and gave God your ALL! I love worshipping with you guys, now let's go ahead and grab a seat.

Before we dive in to our bible story, let's talk to God another way! Through prayer.

When we pray, we're able to bring everything to God. Maybe you had a hard week. Maybe you're angry at someone. Maybe you're really happy!

During the next few moments, with your eyes closed, I want you to just bring that to God. If you're unsure what to say, try praying "God, just be with me".

I am going to give you a few seconds of quiet. Right now, just talk to God in your head and just be with God in whatever you're feeling and wherever you're at. Let's do that now.

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

God, thank You for everyone 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!

INTRO

(5:36pm // 9:36am // 11:36am)

Today's quest is going to bring us to a story from the book of Matthew. Now we've learned a lot this summer about what Jesus has to say about all sorts of things in our life. But today's story is a BIG thing I think we ALL struggle with...

Today's story is all about forgiveness. Now let me ask you a question.

Who here has ever been angry at someone else? *Raise your own hand.*

Who has ever had someone be mean to them? *Raise your own hand.*

Who has ever been hurt by another person? *Raise your own hand.*

Me. Too. We ALL have, right? Now I know for me, it's REALLY hard to forgive someone when this happens. And for Peter, the man in the story today, it was hard for him too!

He came to Jesus and asked HOW many times we should forgive, and the answer may surprise you... I can't wait to dive in to what Jesus has to say.

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIME FROM STAGE: (Hold up your Bible!) Now we dive into God's word EVERY week here at Flatirons Kids. And you can too! So let's dive in together - 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).

We are going to be looking in Chapter 18—that is the big number 1 and 8, starting in verse 21, the teeny tiny number 21 under that big 18.

Let's find out exactly what Jesus says about forgiveness in today's story – take a look at the screen.

BIBLE STORY

(5:38pm // 9:38am // 11:38am)

Show Video: Video_WK3 StoryLab

APPLICATION

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

Show Series Graphic: KINGDOM QUEST

Wow – Jesus forgave us of EVERYTHING we have ever done wrong. And he asks us to forgive others too... even when it's hard.

Now forgiving others IS really hard, and Jesus doesn't promise it's going to be easy. But he DOES promise to be with us. When we forgive OTHERS, we can show them Jesus' love! Not because they deserve it, but because God forgives them, so we can too.

Give a personal AGE APPROPRIATE example of when you've had to forgive someone. What happened/how did you feel afterwards? How did God use that in your life or theirs?

You can do this too. When your sister or brother, that kid from school, your friend, or even your parents, makes you angry, instead of sitting there in your anger, we can FORGIVE THEM.

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

Show Graphic: WK3_Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] God's kingdom grows when you FORGIVE!

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

When we forgive, we show people God's love, which makes his Kingdom GROW!

God wants us to show others His amazing love by doing what is RIGHT, not just what feels good in the moment. Being angry may feel good, but it doesn't DO any good - And that brings us right to our amazing bible verse for the month. 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.

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

(5:52pm // 9:52am // 11:52am)

HAVE A KID PRAY!

SMALL GROUPS

(5:53pm // 9:53am // 11:53pm)

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