



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 weekend's story may feel a bit confusing to our kiddos – don't try to overcomplicate it! What we want every kid walking away knowing is: God wants to HEAR from them!*
- *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

- 2 Piles of Jenga Blocks on Stage Table
- 2 Blindfolds

WORSHIP

- Washed
- So So Good

Second + Third
Large Group

July 2026
Week 4

WEEK 4: 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 really important announcement... this weekend is the LAST weekend of July. That means... back to school is just around the corner. *Make a sad face/reflect any "ughs" in the audience.* I know I know I know, BUT, let's not focus on that until next week, so THIS weekend, my question is...

What was your FAVORITE part of Summer this year?

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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It sounds like this summer has been SO fun for you guys, and it won't stop now, because we are going potentially have the MOST fun of all summer TODAY at Flatirons kids.

We are going to keep searching for amazing truths for our lives from the stories Jesus told. This weekend we're learning all about how God LISTENS to us.

Before we learn more about this though, I have a little game that is all about listening called...

GAME: BUILD IT... BLINDFOLDED EDITION!

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Game: BUILD IT... BLINDFOLDED EDITION

Show BUILD IT... BLINDFOLDED EDITION Slide

BUILD IT! Blindfolded edition... here's how to play...

Objective: Build the tallest Jenga tower before the time runs out

Supplies

- 1 set of Jenga blocks per team
- 2 Blindfolds
- Table (if too short, you can do it on the stage floor, just be sure to have the audience sitting!)
- **Timer (will replay the same one)**

How to Play:

1. For each round, find 2 builders, and 2 callers
2. The **Builders** put on the blindfold and stand at the table.
3. The **Guides** stand a few feet away and **cannot touch** the Builders or the blocks
4. When the timer starts, the Guides give verbal instructions to help the Builder stack the Jenga blocks into a tower
5. If the tower falls, or if the builders accidentally knock the other tower the Builder can start rebuilding as long as there's time left
6. When time is up, the tallest standing tower wins!
7. Play as many rounds as time allows

Rules

- The Guide may only use their voice - no pointing, touching, or moving blocks.
- The Builder must keep the blindfold on the entire game.
- No one from the audience may help (unless you're intentionally adding audience chaos!).
- Blocks may be stacked in any direction as long as they form one standing tower.

Play BUILD IT TIMER

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WORSHIP

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

WORSHIP INTRO:

Ok now some of you are really good at listening, and others.... Well, not so much. But our story today is going to teach us that God is the BEST listener.

We're about to dive into my favorite part of Flatirons Kids – WORSHIP – but before we do, I want to ask you a question. Have you ever been embarrassed? *Raise your hand*. Yep, me too. If you were here last weekend, we talked about this...

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

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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 LUKE. Does anyone remember what we're talking about today? *Wait to see if someone says "That God LISTENS!"*

We're learning all about how God LOVES to listen to us. Now let me ask you a question.

Has anyone every felt kind of silly praying and talking to God? *Raise your own hand.*

Me too! Even though it feels like we're talking to nobody and are like a crazy person in our room, God is ALWAYS listening, because God LOVES when we talk to Him.

Jesus has a lot to say about this, so let's dive in to today's story.

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIME FROM STAGE: (Hold up your Bible!) Today's story is found in the book of Luke. Luke is the third 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 1, so right underneath that big chapter 18.

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

BIBLE STORY

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

Show Video: Video_WK4 StoryLab

APPLICATION

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

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Wow – Jesus WANTS us to talk to Him!

That story can be a little confusing because Jesus used the mean judge as an example. Was Jesus saying God is like the mean judge? NO!

Jesus was saying that even that mean judge listened to the woman, so how much MORE does Jesus want you to talk to Him because he is KIND and LOVES you!

So, why do you think Jesus told this story and wanted us to know God loves to listen to us? *Act a little puzzled.*

Well here's a question, does anyone have a BEST FRIEND? *Raise your hand!*

Yeah! We all have someone we're close with! Do you think you would still be close with them if you NEVER talked? *Shake your head no.*

NO WAY, right? It's the same with God! When we talk to Him, we become close to Him, because he always is there and is always listening!

Give a personal AGE APPROPRIATE example of when you came to God with something hard – maybe your parents divorce, a friend who wasn't kind, or a hard season where you were just sad.

You see, God wants to listen to you, no matter what you're going through, and He wants to be with you!

We can pray to be close to him ourselves, AND we can pray to help bring others closer to Him! We can pray for our friends who don't know him, to be close to Him too!

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

Show Graphic: WK4_Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] God's kingdom grows when pray and don't give up.

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

We can talk to Him to be close to Him, and to GROW His Kingdom!

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 our memory verse for the month 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**