



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 our 4th and 5th graders are starting to play the "too cool" card, you have to win them over with humor that feels a little more dramatic and self-aware! When you talk about the farmer scattering seeds, don't just gently toss them—act like a completely chaotic farmer who is aggressively yeeting seeds everywhere with zero strategy. When you talk about the birds swooping in, skip the animal noises and play it out like a high-speed ninja attack or someone viciously snatching the last slice of pizza. When the sun scorches the plants, don't just wipe your forehead—give them a fully dramatic, over-the-top, slow-motion meltdown. At this age, leaning into exaggerated, YouTuber-style physical comedy breaks through their cool-kid armor, gives them permission to laugh, and completely locks them into the truth behind the story!*

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Act It Out - Slides

WORSHIP

- So So Good

- Washed

Fourth + Fifth
Large Group

July 2026
Week 1

WEEK 1: FOURTH + FIFTH GRADE (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 farming and harvesting today, would you rather plant a seed that grows a tree dropping piping hot, fully wrapped burritos—but if they hit the dirt they explode like a water balloon—or a bush that grows infinite Takis but it randomly shoots them at you like a tennis ball machine?

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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Okay, I am seeing a ton of you risking it all for the exploding burrito tree! (Pretend to dive out of the way of an exploding burrito and wipe fake salsa off your shirt!) And the rest of you are apparently totally fine getting pelted by infinite, high-speed Takis! (Pretend to dodge flaming hot chips Matrix-style!)

Inventing a chaotic snack farm in your backyard would be epic! Well, guess what? Today, we are officially kicking off month two of our massive summer adventure, Kingdom Quest!

Since we are explorers this summer, we are hunting down the hidden meanings in the parables Jesus told. Today, Jesus is telling a story all about a farmer who is just aggressively chucking seeds out into the

dirt. And we are going to find out how those tiny, messy seeds can actually teach us a massive, game-changing 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 up on your feet! Shake off whatever sleepy energy you brought in here and get completely locked in because it is time for a massive, high-stakes game!

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

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

Here is exactly how you lock in your answer:

- If you think the answer is 1, you shoot ONE ARM straight up in the air like you just hit a game-winning buzzer-beater! (Hold up one arm aggressively!)
- If you think the answer is 2, you throw TWO ARMS in the air like you are dropping down the steepest roller coaster on the planet! (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 your most serious, intense face!)

Let's do a quick practice round to make sure your brains are actually turned on today. Question: How many million-dollar bills do you currently have in your back pocket? Lock it in! (Look around the room). Exactly! I see a whole lot of crossed arms. The answer is zero!

There are no teams today, which means it is every person for themselves and you are playing for ultimate bragging rights. Every time you get it right, keep your own score in your head. No cheating!

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:

Alright, that game was absolutely insane! But we are not slowing down because it is time to turn the energy up even higher for Worship!

Before the track drops, let me ask you something. Have you ever clutched a massive win in your favorite video game, or watched your team hit a buzzer-beater in overtime, and you absolutely lost your mind? You jump off the couch, you're yelling, you're high-fiving everyone in the room!

That level of hype? That is exactly what worship should be! It is not just standing around mumbling the words to a quiet song. It is our chance to bring that exact same crazy energy to celebrate how massive and undefeated God is!

Today, we are starting with So So Good because God's goodness in our lives is completely off the charts. And then, we are dropping a brand-new track called Washed. It is super high-energy, the beat goes incredibly hard, and it is all about how Jesus has completely wiped our slates clean and made us brand new!

So everybody, get up on your feet, spread out so you don't take out your neighbor, 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)

Man, you guys absolutely brought the hype for worship! Go ahead and grab a seat right where you are.

We are officially deep into month two of our massive summer adventure, **Kingdom Quest**! All summer long, we are breaking down these special stories Jesus told called *parables*. Think of a parable like finding a hidden Easter egg or a secret cheat code in a video game—it sounds like a totally normal story

on the outside, but it unlocks massive, mind-blowing truths on the inside about what God's Kingdom is really like!

Earlier, we talked about dodging exploding burritos and planting chaotic snack farms in the dirt. Well, today Jesus is telling a story about a farmer who is just aggressively chucking seeds into all different kinds of dirt! He uses this incredibly messy story to drop a massive secret about how God's Kingdom actually grows. But before we find out what happens, let's track it down in God's Word!

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIME FROM STAGE: *(Hold up your Bible!)* Today's story is dropping 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 up high so I can see it! *(Give a massive shoutout to the kids who brought their Bibles—make it a huge deal to flex that they brought it!)*

We are going to be looking in Chapter **13**.

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

BIBLE STORY

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

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APPLICATION

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

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Okay, how wild was that? The farmer was out there just aggressively chucking the exact same seeds absolutely everywhere, but they only survived and grew into massive, strong plants when they landed in the GOOD dirt!

Now, you might be sitting there thinking, 'Alright, that is a cool story about agriculture, but what does a bunch of dirt have to do with my actual life?'

Well, Jesus dropped this story to teach us a massive secret about how we operate! In this parable, the seeds are like the things God tells us to do—like choosing to love others, forgiving people who wrong us, and acting with integrity. And our hearts are the dirt!

Sometimes, we act exactly like the hard path or the weedy dirt. We *hear* what God says, or we hear our parents say, 'Hey, take out the trash before you jump on Xbox,' but we completely tune it out. It goes in one ear and out the other, and we just ignore it to 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 and nod our heads... we actually put it into action! When you choose to defend a kid who is getting roasted in the group chat, when you choose to do your chores without being asked fourteen times, or when you choose to forgive a friend instead of trying to get revenge, you are being the good dirt!

When we choose to listen to God and actually take action, something insane happens. God takes those everyday 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 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 weird at first. Obviously, we all love eating—especially if we are talking about those exploding burritos or infinite Takis from earlier! But Paul is teaching us something massive here. He is saying that God's Kingdom isn't just about the stuff we get, the things we buy, or what we consume. God's Kingdom is all about stepping up to do the right thing, bringing peace to the drama in our friendships, and having massive JOY!

When we lock this verse into our brains, it is like a cheat code that reminds us exactly how to live. It shows us that the absolute best way to prove what God's Kingdom looks like is by how we treat people and by living with that unstoppable Jesus joy!

So let's get up on our feet, bring the volume, 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**