



FLATIRON S  
**KIDS**

**FOURTH + FIFTH GRADE**

**JULY WEEK 2 (JULY 11-12)**



### **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:**

- *To break through the 4th and 5th-grade "too cool" armor, lean into exaggerated, self-aware humor! When the master hands out the gold, treat it like an absurd, heavy flex. For the workers who go to work, play them like over-caffeinated "finance bros" or YouTubers pitching a crazy side hustle. For the last servant, don't just dig a hole—act intensely paranoid, looking over your shoulder like you are frantically trying to hide your phone from your mom. This dramatic, high-stakes comedy gives preteens permission to laugh and keeps them totally locked into the lesson!*

### **GAME/STORY SUPPLIES**

- Four Corners - Slides

### **WORSHIP**

- So So Good
- Washed

**Fourth + Fifth**  
**Large Group**

**July 2026**  
**Week 2**

## **WEEK 2: FOURTH + FIFTH GRADE (64 MIN. SERVICE)**

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### **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 insane, top-tier skill—like going pro in your favorite video game, draining half-court shots without even looking, or being a world renowned baker—what would you choose?***

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 those no-look half-court shots! And some of you are ready to go pro in your favorite game or start throwing insane parkour flips!

Having a top-tier talent like that would be an incredible flex! Well, guess what? Today, we are jumping right back into our summer series, Kingdom Quest!

All summer long, we are decoding the parables Jesus told to find out how God's Kingdom actually works. Today, Jesus is telling a story about a master who hands his workers some massive, ridiculously heavy bags of gold! (Pretend to hold an absurdly heavy bag of gold—let it totally drag your arms down like you are trying to casually flex how strong you are, but you are actually really struggling!)

We are going to find out exactly what those workers decide to do with all that cash, and how it reveals 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...

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**GAME: FOUR CORNERS**  
**(5:15pm // 9:15am // 11:15am)**

**Game: FOUR CORNERS – Food Edition**

**Show FOUR CORNERS Slide**

Alright everyone, on your feet! It is time for a massive, high-stakes game of Four Corners: Food Edition!

Here is the deal: Look around the room. We've got four corners: 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Point to the corners with dramatic, over-the-top flair).

In just a second, four different foods are going to drop on the screen. You have exactly ten seconds to lock in your choice and get to that corner.

But here is the catch! While you are moving, I am going to secretly lock in MY choice. (Act intensely paranoid, shielding your paper like you are hiding your phone screen from a hacker, and scribble furiously).

When the timer hits zero, everybody freezes! I will read my choice out loud, and if you are standing in the corner I pick... it is game over. You are OUT, and you have to take the walk of shame back to 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: Play hard, but play smart. No shoving, absolutely no tackling your friends, and respect your leaders.

Alright, let's see who survives. Get ready... check the screens for round one... GO!

**Show Series Graphic: KINGDOM QUEST**

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

**WORSHIP INTRO:**

Okay, surviving those food corners was intense! Some of you are way too competitive. 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 finally scored tickets to see your absolute favorite artist in concert, watched your favorite YouTuber pull off an insane trick shot, or seen your team hit a massive buzzer-beater to win the game, and you just absolutely lose your mind? *(Pretend to totally lose it, jumping around and hyping up an invisible crowd!)*

That is exactly what worship is! It isn't just standing around trying to look cool. It is our chance to drop the act, go all out, get loud, and celebrate how massive and awesome God is!

Today, we are bringing back the track we dropped last week called *Washed!* You guys already know this one has massive energy, and it is all about how Jesus has completely forgiven us and made us brand new!

So everybody, on your feet, spread out so you don't accidentally take out your neighbor, and let's blow the roof off this place! Let's worship!

**Play: Washed**

**Play: So So Good**

**Show Series Graphic: KINGDOM QUEST**

Okay, you guys actually brought the energy today! Go ahead and catch your breath... (take a loud, dramatic, exhausted deep breath in and out)... and grab a seat.

Before we find out what happens with those ridiculously heavy bags of gold, let's take a second to talk to God.

Did you know you don't even have to talk out loud for God to hear you? You can literally talk to Him right inside your head, and He hears you perfectly. Right now, do me a favor and close your eyes. (Demonstrate closing your eyes). And yes, that means actually closing them, not just staring at your shoes.

With your eyes closed, think of one top-tier thing that happened this week. Maybe you finally passed a brutal level in your game, hung out with your best friend, or actually got to eat your favorite food for dinner.

I'm 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.' Let's do that right 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 good things to be thankful for every single week. Help us to lock in and keep our minds open as we learn more about Your Kingdom today. We love You! In Jesus' name we pray... and everybody said... AMEN!

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## 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 in month two of our summer series, **Kingdom Quest!** All summer long, we are looking at parables. Jesus loved dropping these stories because they sound totally normal on the surface, but they are actually packed with massive, hidden truths about how God's Kingdom really operates.

Earlier, we talked about what we would do if we suddenly woke up with a top-tier talent, like going pro in a game or hitting insane trick shots! Well, today Jesus is telling a story about a master who hands out something else—massive, ridiculously heavy bags of gold! *(Pretend to hold an absurdly heavy bag of gold—let it totally drag your arms down like you are trying to casually flex how strong you are, but you are actually really struggling!)* He uses this story to drop a massive truth bomb 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 in the book of Matthew. Matthew kicks off the New Testament, so if you open your Bible about three-quarters of the way through, you'll be right there.

If you brought your Bible with you today, hold it up and flex it for a second! *(Give some genuine hype to the kids who brought their Bibles—make it a big deal!)*

We are locking in on Chapter 25.

Alright, keep those Bibles open and get totally locked in! Let's find out exactly what these guys decide to do with all that cash as we drop into this week's episode of the So + So Show. Let's check the screens!

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## BIBLE STORY

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

**Show Video: Video\_WK2 So + So Show**

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## APPLICATION

**Show Series Graphic: KINGDOM QUEST**

Okay, how insane was that? The master handed out these massive, ridiculously heavy bags of gold! (Pretend to drop an absurdly heavy bag on the floor like it's a massive flex). Two of those workers got right to it and doubled their cash. But that last guy? He totally panicked, grabbed a shovel, and buried his gold in the dirt! (Act intensely paranoid, looking over your shoulder while you dig, like you are frantically trying to hide your phone from your mom!)

Now, you might be sitting there thinking, 'Okay, cool story, but I don't exactly have a giant bag of gold sitting in my room. What does this have to do with me?'

Well, Jesus dropped this story to teach us a massive secret. God might not hand you a heavy bag of cash, but He HAS given you some top-tier gifts and talents! Maybe He gave you a brain that is insanely good at strategizing and solving problems, a talent for making people laugh, or maybe you are just a fiercely loyal friend.

But sometimes, we act exactly like the guy who hid his gold in the dirt. We get too worried about what people think to use our sense of humor to cheer someone up, we conveniently 'forget' to hear our parents when they ask for help around the house, or we keep our encouraging words totally to ourselves. We just bury our gifts.

God doesn't want us to hide what He gave us! He wants us to actually USE it. When you use your humor to make a new kid feel welcome, when you step up 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 make the choice to step up and actually USE the talents 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 screens:

**Show Graphic: WK2\_Bottom Line**

**[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 top-tier gifts and talents instead of just burying them, we need a solid 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 what we've got to show people what God's

Kingdom actually looks like—whether you are walking the halls at school, competing on your sports team, or just hanging out in your neighborhood. 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 absolutely destroying a huge burger! (Pretend to aggressively devour a burger like you haven't eaten in three days—fully commit to the dramatic, over-the-top YouTuber energy!) But this verse is dropping 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 off-the-charts JOY!

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

So everybody, on your feet, bring the noise, and let's run through our Memory Verse 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?

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### PRAYER

(5:47pm // 9:47am // 11:47am)

HAVE A KID PRAY!

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### SMALL GROUPS

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

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