

**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 K-1 friends need constant movement to stay engaged, turn today's story about the dirt into a giant, full-body experience! When you talk about the hard path, stomp your feet as hard as you can and have them copy you. When the hungry birds swoop in, make crazy bird wings with your arms and squawk! When the plants get scorched by the hot sun, dramatically wipe the sweat off your forehead and melt toward the floor. Giving them these massive, silly physical cues won't just keep them laughing and focused—it will actually help them remember the different types of soil all the way home!*

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Act It Out - Slides

WORSHIP

- So So Good

- Every Move I Make

Kinder + First
Large Group

July 2026
Week 1

WEEK 1: KINDER + FIRST 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 all about planting and growing things today, if you could plant a magic seed in your backyard, would you rather it grow into a giant tree made entirely of cotton candy, or a giant tree that grows your favorite toys?

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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I am seeing a lot of you who want to grow a giant tree made of cotton candy! (Pretend to pull off a huge piece of fluffy cotton candy and take a giant, messy bite!) And some of you want a tree that grows all your favorite toys! (Pretend to grab a toy off a branch and play with it!)

Growing a massive, magical tree like that right in your backyard would be absolutely incredible! Well, guess what? Today, we are officially kicking off a brand new month of our huge 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 farmer who is throwing tiny seeds out into the dirt, and we are going to find out how those tiny, messy seeds can actually show us how God's massive Kingdom grows!

But hey, before we get into that, we're going to play a game, because Jesus is FUN, so Church is FUN...

GAME: DANCE PARTY
(5:15pm // 9:15am // 11:15am)

Game: Dance Party

Show DANCE PARTY Slide

Alright everyone, jump up on your feet and shake out those wiggles, because it is time for a game we call DANCE PARTY!

Here is how we play: in just a second, a character is going to pop up on the screen and do a super crazy dance move. You will have just a few seconds to watch them and study their moves.

But then... when the timer starts, it is DANCE PARTY TIME! You have to copy the exact dance move on the screen as best as you possibly can! (Demonstrate a really terrible, silly dance move to make them laugh).

But wait, here is the best part! This is a massive competition between your small groups! I am going to be watching, and your Small Group Leaders are going to be watching to see which group has the absolute best, most ridiculous dance moves in the entire room. If your group goes all out, you might just be the Dance Party Champions!

Here is the only rule: You have to stay in your own space! No crashing into your friends, and stay on your feet.

Alright, shake out those arms! Wiggle those legs! Get your dancing shoes ready... let's check the screens and see our first move! *(you will play five rounds)*

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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:

That game was so silly! But guess what? We are not done having fun yet! It is time to get up on our feet for one of the best parts of the weekend—it is time for Worship!

Before we start the music, let me ask you a question. Have you ever gotten a really awesome present, or eaten the best ice cream ever, and you just had to jump up and down and say, 'THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!?' (Pretend to jump up and down excitedly!)

That is exactly what worship is! It is our chance to sing, dance, and jump around to say a massive 'THANK YOU!' to God because He loves us and is so incredibly good to us.

Today we are singing two amazing songs: So So Good and Every Move I Make. We are singing because God is so good, and because we want every single move we make to be all about following Him!

So everybody, jump up on your feet, make sure you have plenty of room for your arms and legs, and let's worship together!

Play: Every Move I Make

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)

Wow! Awesome job worshipping, everyone! You can go ahead and sit criss-cross applesauce right where you are.

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 like!

Earlier, we talked about planting magic seeds in the dirt. Well, today Jesus is telling a story about a farmer who is throwing tiny seeds into all different kinds of dirt! He uses this messy story to teach us a massive secret about how God's Kingdom grows. 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).

We are going to be looking in Chapter **13**—that is the big number 1 and 3.

Alright, keep those Bibles open, put your explorer hats on tight *(pretend to strap on a hat)*, and turn your listening ears all the way up *(pretend to twist imaginary dials on your ears)*! Let's find out what happens to these tiny seeds 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_WK1 StoryLab

APPLICATION

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

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Okay, how crazy was that? The farmer threw the exact same seeds everywhere, but they only grew into big, strong plants when they landed in the GOOD dirt! *(Pretend to wipe dirt off your hands!)*

Now, you might be sitting there thinking, 'That is a cool story about mud and plants, but what does that have to do with ME?'

Well, Jesus told this story to teach us a massive secret about our hearts! In this story, the seeds are like the things God tells us—like loving others, telling the truth, and being kind. And our hearts are like the dirt!

Sometimes, we act like the hard path or the weedy dirt. We *hear* what God says, or we hear our parents say 'clean up your room,' but we just ignore it and don't do it!

But God wants our hearts to be like the GOOD dirt! Being the good dirt means we don't just *hear* what God says... we actually *do* it! When you choose to share your favorite toy, when you choose to obey your parents the very first time, or when you choose to be kind to a friend who is sad, you are being the good dirt!

When we choose to listen to God and actually do what He says, something amazing happens. God takes those good choices and uses them to grow His Kingdom bigger and bigger right here on earth!

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 silly at first. We all love eating and drinking—especially if it is something awesome like pizza or ice cream! (Pretend to eat a giant ice cream cone!) But this verse is teaching us a massive secret. It means God's Kingdom isn't just about the stuff we have or the things we consume. God's Kingdom is about doing the right thing, bringing peace, and having massive JOY!

When we learn this verse, it helps us remember that the best way to show people what God's Kingdom looks like is by making good choices and being full of Jesus' joy!

So let's stand up on our feet, get our big outside voices ready, 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**