

**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:

- *Keep your K-1 room completely locked in by turning today's story into a heavy-lifting workout! Have the kids pretend to catch a ridiculously heavy bag of gold—wobble your knees, puff out your cheeks, and let it pull you all the way to the floor. From there, have them frantically "dig a hole" to bury it, and then sprint in place for the servants who went to work. Tying massive, silly physical actions to the choices in the story burns off the wiggles and anchors the lesson right into their brains!*

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Four Corners - Slides

WORSHIP

- So So Good
- Every Move I Make

Kinder + First
Large Group

July 2026
Week 2

WEEK 1: KINDER + FIRST GRADE (64 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...

If you could wake up tomorrow and instantly be the absolute best in the world at one super silly skill—like juggling water balloons, doing massive backflips, or speaking dolphin—what would you want your skill to be?

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 juggling massive water balloons! (Pretend to juggle water balloons and accidentally 'drop' one right on your head with a big splash!) And some of you want to be able to do crazy backflips or speak to dolphins! (Make a funny, high-pitched dolphin squeak!)

Having a super, spectacular talent like that would be absolutely incredible! Well, guess what? Today, we are continuing our massive 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 master who hands his workers heavy, giant bags of gold! (Pretend to hold a ridiculously heavy bag of gold with both hands, wobble your knees, and puff out your cheeks!) We are going to find out exactly what they do with it, and how it shows us how God's massive Kingdom grows!

But hey, before we find out what happens to all that gold, we're going to play a game, because Jesus is FUN, so Church is FUN

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

Game: FOUR CORNERS – Food Edition

Show FOUR CORNERS Slide

Alright everyone, jump up on your feet and shake out those wiggles! It is time to play a massive game called Four Corners: Food Edition!

Here is how we play: Look around the room! Do you see our four corners? (Point to the 4 corners of the room and count them out loud) 1, 2, 3, 4!

In just a second, four different foods are going to pop up on the screen. You will have to look at the different pictures and pick a corner! You will have ten seconds to safely move to the corner with your favorite food.

But here is the sneaky trick! While you are moving, I am going to secretly write down MY choice. (Pretend to hide a piece of paper and write on it super fast).

When the timer stops, everyone freezes! Then, I am going to read my choice out loud! If you are standing in the corner I pick... GASP... you are OUT! You have to go sit back down with your Small Group Leader.

But, if you are NOT in that corner, you survive and get to keep playing!

Here is our only rule today: We have to use safe, walking feet! No pushing, no crashing into your friends, and listen to your leaders!

Alright, shake out those legs! Get your tummies ready for some yummy food... let's check the screens for round one! GO!

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

WORSHIP INTRO:

Okay, running to all those different food corners was absolutely crazy! You guys are super fast! But guess what? You don't have to freeze anymore, because it is time to get our whole bodies moving for one of the best parts of the day—Worship!

Before we start the music, let me ask you a secret question: Did you know you don't just worship God with your mouth? You can actually worship God with your whole entire body! (Wiggle your whole body!)

When we clap our hands as loud as we can, when we jump super high, and when we dance, we are showing God how much we love Him! We are saying, 'God, You are the absolute best!'

Today, we are kicking things off with one of my favorite songs. In this song, we are singing about how we want every single step we take, every jump we make, and everywhere we go to be all about following Jesus!

So everybody, shake out your arms, stomp your feet, make sure you are in your very own bubble so you don't bump your neighbor, and let's get moving! Let's worship!

Play: Every Move I Make

Play: So So Good

Show Series Graphic: KINGDOM QUEST

Wow, you guys are amazing worshippers! My heart is so full! Go ahead and take a big, deep breath with me... (take a loud, exaggerated deep breath in and out)... and you can have a seat right where you are. Before we jump into our story and find out what happens with those super heavy bags of gold, we are going to take just a second to talk to God.

Did you know that you can talk to God right inside your head, without even making a single sound, and He still hears you perfectly? It's true!

Right now, I want everyone to close your eyes and bow your heads. (Demonstrate closing your eyes and bowing your head). With your eyes closed, I want you to think of one really awesome, good thing that happened to you this week. Maybe you got to play outside, maybe you ate your absolute favorite snack, or maybe you got a giant hug from someone you love.

I am going to give you just a few seconds of quiet. While it is quiet, I want you to talk to God in your head and just say, 'Thank You, God, for that good thing!' Let's do that right now.

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

God, thank You so much for every single friend in this room. Thank You for being a good God who gives us so many amazing things to be thankful for every single week. Help us to have open ears and open hearts as we learn more about Your Kingdom today. We love You so much! In Jesus' name we pray... and everybody said... AMEN!"

INTRO

(5:31pm // 9:31am // 11:31am)

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 really like!

Earlier, we talked about what we would do if we suddenly woke up with a super spectacular talent, like juggling water balloons or speaking to dolphins! Well, today Jesus is telling a story about a master who hands out something else—giant, ridiculously heavy bags of gold! (*Pretend to struggle holding a super heavy bag, wobble your knees, and puff out your cheeks!*) He uses this story to teach us a massive secret about how God's Kingdom grows when we 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 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—make it a big deal!!*)

We are going to be looking in Chapter 25—that is the big number 2 and a 5.

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 exactly what those workers do with all that gold 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_WK2 StoryLab

APPLICATION

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

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Okay, how crazy was that? The master handed out these gigantic, super heavy bags of gold! (*Pretend to drop a massive, heavy bag on the floor and wipe your forehead with a big 'Phew!'*) Two of the workers went right to work and did amazing things, but that last guy just panicked, grabbed a shovel, and buried his gold right in the dirt! (*Pretend to frantically dig a hole!*)

Now, you might be sitting there thinking, 'Okay, that is a funny story, but I don't have a giant bag of gold! What does this have to do with ME?'

Well, Jesus told this story to teach us a massive secret about how special you are! You see, God might not hand you a heavy bag of treasure, but He HAS given you some incredibly awesome gifts! He gave you your bright smile, your strong arms, your loud voice, and your kind heart!

Sometimes, we act a lot like the worker who hid his gold in the dirt. We decide we don't want to share our toys, we refuse to use our strong arms to help clean up our room, or we keep our kind words totally to ourselves. We just bury our gifts!

But God doesn't want us to hide what He gave us! He wants us to USE it! When you use your strong arms to help someone who fell down, when you use your loud voice to cheer up a friend who is sad, or when you share your absolute favorite toy with your sibling, you are using the exact gifts God gave you!

When we choose to step up and actually USE the awesome things God has given us, something amazing happens. God takes those good 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

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 awesome gifts instead of hiding them, we need to know exactly how to do it!

That is why we are learning our Memory Verse this month. You can think of this verse like a secret treasure map! It helps us remember exactly how to show people what God's Kingdom looks like in our homes, at the park, and right here in our neighborhoods. 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 silly! We all love eating awesome things like pizza or ice cream! (Pretend to eat a giant ice cream cone!) But this verse is teaching us a massive secret: God's Kingdom isn't just about the stuff we get. It is about doing the right thing, bringing peace, and having massive JOY!

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

So let's jump up on our feet, get those big outside voices ready, and practice our 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**