



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:

- *Turn EVERYTHING into a way your Kinder/1st graders can engage with you! As you intro the game, build suspense and encourage your kids to give a drumroll with their hands or feet. Have them turn to their neighbor and repeat the big idea! Tell them all to make their happiest or saddest or angriest face based on what you're talking about. EVERYTHING can be an invitation for your kids to engage – get creative!*

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Scoop It or Skip It Slides

WORSHIP

- So So Good
- Every Move I Make

Kinder + First
Large Group

July 2026
Week 3

WEEK 3: KINDER + FIRST GRADE (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 very special announcement...
THIS SUNDAY IS NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY! In honor of this VERY important holiday, I want you to answer in your small groups...

What is your FAVORITE Ice Cream flavor?

If you want to add an extra – what's your LEAST favorite ice cream flavor?

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

Mmmmmm now this is making me hungry – I think we should ALL get some ice cream today!

Well Flatirons Kids, I am SO glad you're here today, because not only is it National Ice Cream day this Sunday, it's ALSO another weekend of our **Kingdom Quest series!**

We are going to keep searching for hidden treasures in the amazing stories Jesus told. Can I see you put some binoculars on like you're looking for treasure? *Use your hands to make some binoculars.*

But hey, before we learn about our story for this week, we're going to play a game, because Jesus is FUN, so Church is FUN. Let's play...

GAME: SCOOP IT OR SKIP IT
(5:20pm // 9:20am // 11:20am)

Game: SCOOP IT OR SKIP IT!

Show SCOOP IT OR SKIP IT Slide

Alright everyone, jump up on your feet! Now for this game I want to see if you can make a thumbs UP – *Show a thumbs up* – and a thumbs DOWN – *Show a thumbs down*.

Let's try it together! Thumbs up! *Demonstrate*. And thumbs down! *Demonstrate*.

Now that we've nailed that, it's time to play! When I show an ice cream on the screen, if you'd scoop it, put a thumbs up, and if you'd skip it, put a thumbs down – ready?

Show Scoop it or Skip It slides 1-8

Show Series Graphic: KINGDOM QUEST

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

WORSHIP INTRO:

NICE JOB! I love learning more about each other, especially the important things like ice cream flavors here at Flatirons Kids. Now that we've learned more about each other, I'm so excited to learn what GOD says about us! But before we do, it's time for my FAVORITE part of Flatirons Kids – 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, can you clap with me? *Clap your hands*.

And when we jump SUPER high, can you jump with me? *Jump!*

And when we dance, we are showing God how much we love Him! We are saying, 'God, You are the best!'

Today, we are kicking things off with one of my favorite songs we've been doing in Flatirons Kids! We sing all about how GOOD God is, not just some of the time, but ALL THE TIME!

I'm so excited to praise God together - Let's worship!

Make sure you're encouraging kids to sing and dance throughout the songs!

Play: So So Good

Play: Every Move I Make

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.

Our story today is all about forgiveness. But before we jump into our story for today, we're going to talk to God some more through prayer!

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 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 being so good, ALL THE TIME!' Let's do that right now.

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

God, thank You so much for every single friend in this room. Thank You for being SO good and for giving us so many amazing things to be thankful for every single week. Teach us what it looks like to forgive others, because YOU have forgiven us! We love You so much! 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 Matthew – can you all say Matthew?

It's all about forgiveness. Who here has ever been angry? *Raise your own hand.*

Who has ever had someone be kind of mean to them? *Raise your own hand.*

Yeah, we ALL have, right? Now I know for me, it's REALLY hard to forgive someone when this happens. And for Peter, the man in the story, it was hard for him too!

Now he came to Jesus and asked HOW many times we should forgive, and the answer may surprise you, so let's dive in to what Jesus has to say.

BIBLE NAVIGATION TIME FROM STAGE: (Hold up your Bible!) We dive into God's word EVERY week here at Flatirons Kids. And you can too! So let's dive in - 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).

We are going to be looking in Chapter 18—that is the big number 1 and 8

Let's find out exactly what Jesus says about forgiveness in today's story

BIBLE STORY

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

Show Video: Video_WK3 StoryLab

APPLICATION

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

Show Series Graphic: KINGDOM QUEST

Wow – Jesus forgave us of EVERYTHING we have ever done wrong. And he asks us to forgive others too!

Now forgiving others is really hard, and Jesus doesn't promise it's going to be easy. But he DOES promise to be with us. When we forgive OTHERS, we show them Jesus' love!

So, when your sister or brother, or that kid from school, makes you angry, instead of sitting there in your anger, we can FORGIVE THEM!

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

Show Graphic: WK3_Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] God's kingdom grows when you FORGIVE!

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

God wants us to show others His amazing love by doing what is RIGHT, not just what feels good in the moment. And that brings us right to our amazing bible verse for the month. 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.

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

(5:52pm // 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**