



Bible Story: The Story of the Farmer • *Matthew 13:1-23*

Bottom Line: God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit.* • Romans 14:17 NIV

Notes

- *Blue text is a cue for audio and visual slides.*
- *Red text is for nonverbal cues.*

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Bible



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

WELCOME

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Hi, friends! Welcome to Flatirons Kids! I'm so glad you are here. It's summer, and we are on an adventure to learn all about God's kingdom—our 'Kingdom Quest'!

We're going to discover some pretty amazing stories Jesus told that help us learn about God's kingdom. I'm so excited! Whether today is your first time here or you've been on this adventure all summer, you're in the right place! We've been learning together, worshiping together, and discovering the greatest adventure ever, which is living in God's kingdom.

Before we hear our Bible story, we're going to play a game because Jesus is fun and church is fun!

GAME TIME

SLIDE: Would You Rather? Summer Edition Title

It's time for ... 'Would You Rather? Summer Edition!' The game is simple: I'll show you two options, and your job is to walk to the side of the room that matches your choice. No wrong answers!

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(Play as many rounds as time allows.)

Game Slide 1: Swim in a pool filled with JELL-O®? OR Swim in a pool filled with spaghetti?

Game Slide 2: Eat only ice cream for a whole day? OR Eat only cheeseburgers for a whole day?

Game Slide 3: Live at the beach for the whole summer? OR Live at a mountain lake for the whole summer?

Game Slide 4: Have unlimited slushies all summer? OR Have unlimited pizza all summer?

Game Slide 5: Have a giant water balloon fight? OR Have a giant slip-and-slide race?

Game Slide 6: Never get sunburned again? OR Never get mosquito bites again?

Game Slide 7: Spend a day at a water park? OR Spend a day at an amusement park?

Game Slide 8: Have ice-cold air-conditioning everywhere you go? OR Have perfect weather outside every day?

Game Slide 9: Build the world's biggest sandcastle? OR Win a cannonball contest?

Game Slide 10: Have a pet dolphin for the summer? OR Have a pet turtle for the summer?

Game Slide 11: Have a popsicle that never melts? OR Have a snow cone that never melts?

You guys made some great—and interesting—choices! Thanks for playing! Let's get ready to worship together!

WORSHIP

Here's the thing about worship: Worship doesn't have to be perfect. You don't have to know all the motions. You don't have to sing the loudest. Worship is something we do with our hearts. When we sing, we're saying to God, 'I love You, and I want to follow You.' Let's sing!

Show Worship: 2 songs

I love hearing you sing and seeing you worship God. When we worship, we're reminding our hearts that God is good, and He's always with us.

Let's go ahead and sit down and get ready for our Bible Story today.

INTRO

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All summer long, we've been learning about God's kingdom, and God's kingdom is where His ways are lived out.

Close your eyes and imagine this with me: you're outside on a warm, sunny day. You can feel a little breeze on your face. Maybe you hear birds chirping. And all of a sudden, you hear a big crowd coming. People are walking all around you, and they're coming to hear someone very special speak.

That someone is Jesus. People loved listening to Jesus. When He talked, everyone got quiet. Everyone wanted to hear what He had to say.

Jesus loved telling stories that helped people understand God's kingdom.

(HOLD UP BIBLE.) Today's true story from the Bible is in the book of Matthew, chapter 13. Jesus tells a story about a farmer who went out to plant seeds. Let's check out our video!

BIBLE TRUTH

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APPLICATION

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Jesus told this story to help people understand something very important. The farmer in the story spread seeds everywhere. But the seeds didn't grow the same way in every place. Some couldn't grow at all. Some grew for a little while. Some got crowded out. And some became strong and produced lots of crops.

In the same way, God's words are like seeds planted in our hearts. And just like the soil in Jesus' story, our hearts can be different too.

Sometimes our hearts might feel hard, like the path. Sometimes they might feel shallow, like the rocky soil. Sometimes they might feel full of thorns, like when we're distracted or worried. And when that happens, we can make a choice. We can say, 'I want to be like the good soil.' And that's when God's kingdom grows.

Today's Bottom Line talks about that too! Let's see what it says.

Show Graphic: WK1_Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says.

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

Jesus told this story because He wanted everyone to know something wonderful: God is always speaking to us. Every time we hear a Bible Story, every time we learn something Jesus said, it's like God is planting a tiny seed inside our hearts. The Holy Spirit can work through you to point to God's kingdom in the world around you.

Let's learn our new Memory Verse for this month! It's Romans 14:17!

Show Verse: Romans 14:17 NlrV

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Now, I'll lead you through each part. Repeat after me, nice and loud!

(Repeat verse several times with kids and leaders)

Great job! Before we go to our small groups, let's talk to God together, friends. You can bow your heads and close your eyes.

PRAYER

(or invite a kid to pray for your group)

Dear God, thank You for this story today. We want to be good soil. We want our hearts to be soft and ready to hear and obey You. We want to listen to Your words. We want to do what You say. We want our

hearts to be like good soil, so Your kingdom can grow in our lives and shine through us to others. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

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(Dismiss kids to their small groups)