

WEEK

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Today's Suggested Schedule—July 2026, Week 1

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 Nlrv

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Prelude: Setting the Tone for the Experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener

Worship

Bible Story

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Act It Out (K-1st grade), Don't Throw the Ball (2nd-3rd grade)

Application Activity: Growing Straw Wrappers (K-1st grade), What Kind of

Soil Are You? (2nd-3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Memory Verse Motions (K-1st grade), Illustrate the Story (2nd-3rd grade)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)

Devotionals for Kids

Parent Cue App



Bible Story

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5 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

Setting the Tone for the Experience

What You Say:

OPENER

HOST: "Welcome, explorers! I am SO glad you're here today for our Kingdom Quest, the place where every week is a brand-new adventure! Take a second and look around ... this room is full of brave and amazing adventurers, and YOU are one of them.

"This summer, we've been talking about God's kingdom! The full name of our series this month is 'Kingdom Quest—Living the Greatest Adventure.'

"But what is God's kingdom? Well, God is good, kind, just, trustworthy, and patient—among other things. And His kingdom is anywhere where He reigns. The kingdom is where the ways of the King are the way things run. And we want Him to spread that good kingdom everywhere! We point to God's kingdom when we live out the ways of the King! That's what we're learning all summer long.

"But before we learn more about God's kingdom, let's get our adventure gears warmed up. Everybody, stand up! Reach up high like you're stretching to grab a branch ... now reach down low like you're picking up treasure from the ground. Great!

"Now turn to someone near you and say, 'Let's go on a quest!'

(Pause while kids talk to their neighbor.)

"Yes! That's the Kingdom Quest spirit! 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.

"And every great adventure begins with a challenge. So today, we're kicking things off with a game I like to call ... 'Under the Vine!'

SLIDE: Under the Vine! Title

"This is a classic! Two of our leaders are going to hold a pool noodle. Pretend it's a long vine hanging across our adventure path. Eight brave explorers will take turns trying to go under the vine without touching it. If you touch the vine or the floor, you're out!

"After every round, our leaders will lower the vine just a little bit until we find today's 'Under the Vine!' champion!

"Let's choose our eight explorers! Raise your hand if you'd like to play!

(Pick eight volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised, and have the two pre-determined leaders hold up the pool noodle.)

"Explorers, go ahead and line up single file behind the vine. Everyone else, you're the cheering squad! Cheer for these friends!

"All right, explorers, let's see who can go under the vine without touching it! 3 ... 2 ... 1 ... GO!

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Play the game. Kids limbo under the pool noodle. Leaders lower the pool noodle each round.)

"Great job! Look at those moves! Nice and steady ... wow, that round was close!

(Continue until one kid remains.)

"We have our 'Under the Vine!' champion! Let's give them a big round of applause!

(As time allows, continue with more rounds. Ask for eight new volunteers at the start of each round.)

"Awesome job, everyone! You listened, you tried your best, and you had fun.

"Now that we're warmed up, let's learn our Bottom Line for today!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says."

HOST: "Great job, friends! Now let's get ready to learn more about God's kingdom together!"

10 min

Worship | Amazing Music

5 min

Closer | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Over & Over Again | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Say:

AMAZING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! I'm so glad you're here today. Before we sing, I want to tell you something really important: 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.'

"Our first song reminds us that we can choose to be close to Jesus! Let's tell Jesus we want to be close to Him all the time.

SONG: "Closer" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"Great job, everyone! You were singing and moving and giving God your best. That's worship!

"Our next song reminds us that God shows His love for us over and over again. He never stops loving us, and He never leaves us. So, let's sing and thank Him for that!

What You Say:

SONG: "Over & Over Again" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"Great job, everyone! 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.

"And remember, worship doesn't stop when the music stops. You can worship God anytime—when you're playing, when you're helping someone, or when you're getting ready for school. God loves being close to you.

"It's time to learn our Memory Verse for the month! Since this is our first week learning this verse, I want you to hear how important it is. This verse tells us what God's kingdom is like! God's kingdom is so good because God is good! As you stay close to God, He will grow good things in you through His Spirit!

"Our Memory Verse this month is found in Romans 14:17. I'll read it first, and then I will lead you through it!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: *"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)."*

"Now, let me lead you through it! Repeat after me—nice and loud!

WORSHIP LEADER: *"God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"It is about doing what is right"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"It is about doing what is right"*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"and having peace and joy."*

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WORSHIP LEADER: *"All this comes through the Holy Spirit."*

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WORSHIP LEADER: "Romans 14:17!"

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Romans 14:17!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job! God's kingdom is just like He is—it's loving and joyful and right. And as you spend time with God through His Holy Spirit, you will live in those good things. It is so good to be a part of God's kingdom because the King is just so good!"

15 min

Bible Story

5 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

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So and So Show Bible Story | Video

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Bible Story (Live)

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

BIBLE STORY (STORYTELLER SCRIPT)

SLIDE: Theme Background

(Things to have ready: Set up the table at the front of the teaching area so the Storyteller can place their Bible on it and read from it. Four Teaching Slides loaded. Four heart cutouts—Teaching Printables 1-4—on the table.)

INTRODUCTION

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! I'm so glad you're here today. We are going to learn about God together, and I can't think of anything else I'd rather do!

"All summer long, we've been learning about God's kingdom, and God's kingdom is where His ways are lived out. He is kind, and good, and truthful, and righteous, and all of these wonderful things. And God's kingdom is where those good ways are the way things operate. The kingdom is like the King!

"This month, we're going to talk about all kinds of ways we can live out this kingdom. In fact, that's our theme this month: 'Kingdom Quest—Living the Greatest Adventure.'

"But before we listen to our Bible Story today about God's kingdom, let's get our listening ears ready. Everyone wiggle your ears ... wiggle your fingers ... take one big breath in ... and let it out. Perfect.

"Now imagine this with me: Imagine 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 and leaned in close. Everyone wanted to hear what He had to say.

"Jesus loved telling stories—stories that made people want to listen, stories that made them think, stories that helped them understand God's kingdom.

"And today, we get to hear one of those stories. It isn't loud. It isn't wild. It's simple and gentle ... and really important. So I want you to do what the people did that day. Open your ears ... open your heart ... and let's get ready to hear the story Jesus told."

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Jesus was teaching near a big lake called the Sea of Galilee. So many people wanted to hear Him that the crowd grew and grew and grew! People gathered all around Him—everyone wanted to listen.

"Jesus looked at the huge crowd and decided to do something smart: He stepped into a boat. The boat floated out into the water, and the people stayed on the land. The water helped Jesus' voice carry so everyone could hear Him.

"Can you picture it? Jesus in a boat ... the crowd standing along the shore ... everyone watching Him ... waiting ... listening. Then, Jesus began to tell a story. And not just any story—this one was about a farmer who went out to plant seeds. Let's listen to the story Jesus told."

The Path

STORYTELLER: "Jesus began His story like this:

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:3-4 NIV.)

Then he told them many things using stories. He said, "A farmer went out to plant his seed. He scattered the seed on the ground. Some fell on a path. Birds came and ate it up."

SLIDE: Teaching Slide 1 (Hard Path)

"Look at this picture. Jesus was talking about a path. That's the first kind of soil: hard ground. Think of the dirt that everyone runs across on the playground. The dirt gets so hard, it's almost like stone, right? If you toss a seed on that kind of dirt, it can't grow. It can't put down roots. And in about two minutes, it's gonna be lunch for a hungry bird.

(Hold up the "hard heart" printable—Teaching Printable 1—as you talk about a hard heart.)

"Jesus said this path is like a hard heart. Sometimes people hear God's words, but their hearts aren't soft or open yet. The words don't sink in. They just stay on the surface, like seeds on a hard path.

"A hard heart might look like someone who doesn't want to listen or someone who doesn't think God's words matter. But thankfully, hearts can change!

"Later, Jesus explained exactly what He meant.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:18-19 NIV.)

"Listen! Here is the meaning of the story of the farmer. People hear the message about the kingdom but do not understand it. Then the evil one comes. He steals what was planted in their hearts. Those people are like the seed planted on a path."

"This kind of soil helps us see that when our hearts are too hard to listen, God's words can't grow yet."

THE ROCKY SOIL

SLIDE: Teaching Slide 2 (Rocky Soil)

STORYTELLER: "Here's the next part of Jesus' story. Look at this picture. You can see dirt, but there are lots of rocks mixed in. It would be really hard for a seed to grow strong roots here."

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:5-6 NIV.)

"Some seed fell on rocky places, where there wasn't much soil. The plants came up quickly, because the soil wasn't deep. When the sun came up, it burned the plants. They dried up because they had no roots."

"Jesus said the farmer dropped seeds onto rocky ground. The seeds started to grow quickly because there was a little bit of dirt. But their roots couldn't go down deep. When the hot sun came out, the plants didn't have enough water, and they dried up."

(Hold up the "rocky heart" printable—Teaching Printable 2—as you talk about a shallow heart.)

"This is a shallow heart. See the rocks on it? Hearts can be like rocky soil too. People with rocky hearts get super excited hearing about Jesus and what He says! But then, hard things happen. Life gets tough. And because these people haven't practiced talking to Jesus and trusting Jesus in good times, they don't know how to do it in hard times."

"Jesus explained this:

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:20-21 NIV.)

"The seed that fell on rocky places is like other people. They hear the message and at once receive it with joy. But they have no roots. So they last only a short time. They quickly fall away from the faith when trouble or suffering comes because of the message."

"Jesus wanted the crowd to understand that God's words need a deep place to grow. And God helps our hearts become deeper and stronger as we follow Him."

THE THORNY SOIL

SLIDE: Teaching Slide 3 (Thorny Soil)

STORYTELLER: "Here's the next part of Jesus' story. Look at this picture. Do you see all the thorns? There's some dirt there, but the thorns take up a lot of space."

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:7 NIV.)

"Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and crowded out the plants."

"Jesus said the farmer dropped seeds where thorny plants were already growing. The seeds sprouted, but the thorns grew faster and poked and crowded the plants. The new plants didn't have room to become strong or grow fruit.

(Hold up the "thorny heart" printable—Teaching Printable 3—as you talk about a distracted heart.)

"This is a distracted heart. See the thorns on it? A distracted heart hears God's words and even starts to follow them. But then, lots of other things get in the way—worries, fears, too many things to think about. It becomes hard to pay attention to what God is saying.

"A distracted heart gets full of other things. Sometimes we worry about school or friends or things happening around us. Sometimes we think more about toys or games than about God. Those things can crowd out the space where God's words want to grow.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:22 NIV.)

"The seed that fell among the thorns is like others who hear the message. But then the worries of this life and the false promises of wealth crowd it out. They keep the message from producing fruit."

"Jesus explained that thorns stand for anything that distracts us from God. And when we let those things take over our hearts, God's words don't have room to grow strong."

the good soil

SLIDE: Teaching Slide 4 (Good Soil)

STORYTELLER: "Here's the last part of Jesus' story. Look at this picture. The soil here is soft and healthy. It's ready for seeds to grow.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:8 NIV.)

"Still other seed fell on good soil. It produced a crop 100, 60 or 30 times more than what was planted."

"Jesus said that when seeds landed in good soil, they grew strong plants that made lots and lots of new seeds. This is the kind of soil where things grow well.

(Hold up the "good soil heart" printable—Teaching Printable 4—as you talk about a ready heart.)

"This is a ready heart. See the good soil on it? A ready heart is soft and open to God, just like this soil is soft and ready for seeds. A ready heart listens to God's words, thinks about what God says, and does what He says.

"A ready heart doesn't mean a perfect heart. It simply means a heart that's willing to listen to God.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:23 NIV.)

"But the seed that fell on good soil is like those who hear the message and understand it. They produce a crop 100, 60 or 30 times more than the farmer planted."

"People with soft hearts hear God's words. They read what God says in the Bible. They listen to the Holy Spirit. They talk to God about what they hear. They ask God for help. And over time, people with soft hearts become more and more like Jesus, through the help of the Holy Spirit. In this way, God's kingdom continues to grow."

wrapping up THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "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.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says. Can you say that with me?"

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says."

10 min

Closing

5 min

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

What You Say:

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: "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.

"And just like the seeds in the story, those little seeds grow best when our hearts are ready. Over time, as you continue to listen to and follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit will grow fruit in your life—the good fruit of God's kingdom. God, the King of the kingdom, is loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, gentle, faithful, and He has self-control. As you stay close to Him, He will grow His fruit in you.

"As God grows His fruit in you, the Holy Spirit can work through you to point to God's kingdom in the world around you. You can be loving, like He is! You can be joyful, like He is! You can be peaceful, like He is!

"And when we're loving, or joyful, or peaceful, we're saying: 'Hey, look! This kingdom is awesome! The King who reigns over it is loving, joyful, and peaceful—just like we were. He loves you and wants you to be His friend forever. Do you want to be a part of God's kingdom too? You can! The Bible says that everyone who accepts what Jesus did on the cross for their sins is welcomed into God's kingdom—and God's family—with open arms!'

"So point other people to God and His kingdom! **[Bottom Line] God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says.**"

What You Say:

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "Let's talk to God together, friends. You can bow your heads and close your eyes.

"Dear God, thank You for this story today. We want to be good soil. We want our hearts 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."

(Dismiss kids to Small Groups.)

AUDIO: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

Getting Ready | K3 Large Group

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

APlay

APlay is your all-in-one presentation, preparation, and curriculum ecosystem that saves you time and money. APlay is free with your curriculum subscription! APlay offers powerful tools that build media playlists, compile curriculum documents, auto-update supply lists by child count, cast media to screens, and so much more.

Built to work in harmony with your curriculum, APlay Service Builder allows leaders to drop in, toggle on and off, or customize teaching plans, worship elements, and media assets in seconds. For even more value, upgrade to Amazing+ to unlock the parent app, Parent+.

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (25 minutes)

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God (10 minutes)

1. Opener

What You Need:

- Host
- Pool noodle
- 2 leaders to hold the pool noodle
- 8 kid volunteers (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)

Music and Sound Effects:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Upbeat music to use for the game

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- "Under the Vine! Title" Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

Optional Videos:

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.

- Download music and/or sound effects on an authorized basis from a resource such as Apple Music®, Amazon Music®, and/or a sound effect library and have it ready to play. Or, if you choose to stream music, refer to the terms and conditions of your streaming service. Note that you will likely need a commercial license in order to stream music publicly. Also confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform music and sound effects in your kids' environments, such as a blanket PERFORMmusic™ license from CCS. *Note: Legally, a song and/or sound effect belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song and/or sound effect.*
- Place the pool noodle in the game area.
- Pre-determine two leaders to hold the pool noodle during the game.

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Closer" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Over & Over Again" - available on APlay with Amazing Music

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide

What You Do:

- If you are utilizing the suggested songs from **Amazing Music-**, search for your desired video resource for each song under the Worship section on APlay and add to your service!
- You can access Amazing Music's Dance Motion, Lyric, and Instrumental Videos in APlay under the Worship section.
- Amazing Music Song Trainings are available in Amazing Leaders and FREE on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/@AmazingKidsMusic>
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"Hallelujah" words and music by John Doe

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3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Table
- Teaching Printables 1-4 (provided)
- *Optional: Laminator and laminating sheets*

Music and Sound Effects:

- Calm music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Teaching Slides 1-4
- Bottom Line Slide
- Theme Slide

Optional Video:

- Theme Loop

Optional Video: (available in APlay)

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (Kindergarten through 3rd grade):

- *StoryLab*: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAM-inspired setting.

For 252 Preteen (4th and 5th grade):

- *The So & So Show*: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a variety show full of humor and biblical truth.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Countdown video

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WEEK

TWO

K-3 | W2

Today's Suggested Schedule—July 2026, Week 2

Bible Story: The Parable of the Bags of Gold • *Matthew 25:14-30 NIV*
Bottom Line: God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you.
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

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Worship

Bible Story

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Run to the Gold (K-1st grade), Add to the Story (2nd-3rd grade)

Application Activity: Talents Door Hanger (K-1st grade), Do the Wave (2nd-3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Memory Verse Cup Stack (K-1st grade),

Keychain Coins (2nd-3rd grade)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)

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Bible Story

The Parable of the Bags of Gold • *Matthew 25:14-30 NIV*

Bottom Line

God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you.

Conversation Starter

"What has God given you?"

Monthly Memory Verse

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5 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

Setting the Tone for the Experience

What You Say:

OPENER

HOST: "Hello, explorers! Welcome back to Kingdom Quest! This whole summer, we've been talking about God's kingdom. The name of our series this month is 'Kingdom Quest—Living the Greatest Adventure.'"

"What is God's kingdom? Well, it's anywhere that God reigns! It's anywhere where He is seen as King and His good ways are lived out. God is loving, joyful, patient, kind, honest, trustworthy—all of these amazing things. God's kingdom is good because He is so good! We want His good kingdom everywhere. That's the Kingdom Quest we're on—to show off God's good kingdom!"

"Before we get started on the awesome adventure we have planned for today, let's warm up a little. Turn to someone next to you and say, 'I'm happy you're here!'"

(Pause while kids talk to their neighbor.)

"Good! Now turn to someone else and say, 'Let's go on an adventure!'"

"Great! Everyone, stand up for a quick stretch. Reach up high like you're grabbing something from a tall castle tower ... now reach down low like you're picking up treasure from the ground ... now shake your hands like they're full of sparkly story dust!"

"You all look ready. I want to see who has a good imagination in here! Let's play ..."

SLIDE: Once Upon a Time! Title

"'Once Upon a Time!' Here's how it works: I'm going to start telling a silly story. Then, I'll choose a few storytellers to come up here. Each one will add a sentence or two to help build the story. We'll see how funny and surprising our story becomes! Sound good?"

"Okay, I need five storytellers. Let's pick some volunteers."

(Pick five kids from the ones who have their hands raised, and invite them to the front of the game area. Have them line up facing the audience.)

"Alright, storytellers, get ready. And everyone else, get ready to listen to the story."

HOST: "Once upon a time, in a faraway kingdom, there lived a tiny squirrel who put on a shiny crown and decided it wanted to be ... the King of Snacks!

"Okay, Storyteller 1, what happened next?

(Allow Storyteller 1 to add one or two sentences.)

"Wonderful! Storyteller 2, your turn. What happened after that?

(Continue until all volunteers have added to the story.)

(Once every volunteer has shared, wrap up the story.)

HOST: "And so, the tiny squirrel with the shiny crown wiggled its tail, grabbed a giant snack, and zoomed off on the silliest, crunchiest adventure the kingdom had ever seen ... and it learned that adventures are way more fun when we make them up together! The end!

"Let's give our storytellers a big round of applause! That was so much fun! I love seeing your imaginations at work. You guys can take your seats.

(If time allows, continue with more stories. Pick five new volunteers at the start of each new story.)

"Now it's time to learn our Bottom Line for today! Let's check it out.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you."

HOST: "Nice job! Now let's get ready to learn more about God's kingdom together!"

10 min

Worship | Amazing Music

5 min

Closer | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

King Of My Heart | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Say:

AMAZING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! I'm so excited to worship with you today. Before we sing, let's remember something important: Worship is when we show God that we love Him. We can worship with our voices, our hands, our hearts, and even our thoughts. When we sing to God, we're telling Him, 'You're special to me.'

"Let's stand up together. Our first song reminds us that God is never far away, and when we call on Him, He is near!

SONG: "Closer" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"Great singing! I love seeing how you worship. God loves it too! Our next song talks about God being the King of our hearts. That means He helps us, He guides us, and He fills us with His peace. Let's sing it together.

What You Say:

SONG: "King Of My Heart" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"You all did such a great job worshipping today! And remember, you can worship God all week long too.

"You can worship God in the car. You can worship God when you're eating lunch. You can worship God when you're playing outside. You can worship God when you're at home. Anywhere you go, you can worship God!

"Now it's time to look at our Memory Verse for the month! This verse reminds us that God's kingdom is good because God is good! It is full of things that are right, peace, and joy. And those things come from the Holy Spirit.

"Our Memory Verse this month is found in Romans 14:17. I'll read it first, and then I'll lead you through it!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: *"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)."*

"Now, let me lead you through it! Repeat after me—nice and loud!

WORSHIP LEADER: *"God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"It is about doing what is right"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"It is about doing what is right"*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"and having peace and joy."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"and having peace and joy."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"All this comes through the Holy Spirit."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"All this comes through the Holy Spirit."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"Romans 14:17!"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"Romans 14:17!"*

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job, everyone! When you say this verse, you're reminding your heart what God's kingdom is like. It's full of things that are right, peace, and joy. God's kingdom grows inside you when you choose to follow Him. And God doesn't ask you to do that alone—the Holy Spirit helps you!"

"The Holy Spirit helps you choose what is right, gives you peace when you feel unsure, and gives you joy that bubbles up inside.

"Thanks for worshiping with me today, friends!"

15 min

Bible Story

5 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- Fill the fifteen money bags with tissue paper, gold coins, random objects, etc. Make sure they look full!
- Place the fifteen money bags on the table for the Storyteller to use during the teaching.

5 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

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- Place the fifteen money bags on the table for the Storyteller to use during the teaching.

5 min

Bible Story (Live)

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

BIBLE STORY (STORYTELLER SCRIPT)

SLIDE: Theme Background

(Things to have ready: Set up the table at the front of the teaching area so the Storyteller can place their Bible on it and read from it. Fifteen "bags of money" on the table.)

INTRODUCTION

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! I'm so glad you're here today. All summer long, we've been talking about God's kingdom. Our theme this month is: 'Kingdom Quest—Living the Greatest Adventure.'"

"But what is God's kingdom? Well, God's kingdom is where He is King! It's where He reigns, and where His ways—His love, His faithfulness, His truthfulness, and His goodness—are the way things operate. God's kingdom is a good, good place that we want everyone to be a part of! We want more people to see how awesome God, the King, is and join His kingdom!"

"Today's Bible Story is all about God's kingdom. To get us thinking about our Bible Story, let's talk about something fun."

"Turn to someone next to you, and tell them one thing you're really good at. Maybe you're great at drawing, or running, or baking, or helping, or making people laugh. Ready? Go!"

(Pause while kids talk to their neighbor.)

"Who wants to share one thing they're good at with the whole group? Raise your hand if you'd like to share!"

(Call on a few kids who have their hands raised, and let them share what they're good at.)

"That's wonderful! God made each of you with special things you can do. Some of you are great helpers. Some of you are amazing builders. Some of you are kind friends. Some of you are super creative. God gives all of us good things, and He put you in a place different than anyone else to use those things."

"And today's Bible Story is going to help us understand something important: **[Bottom Line] God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you.** Let's dive into today's story!"

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Jesus was spending time with His closest friends. They were together during a very important week: the week before Jesus gave up His life and rose again.

"One day, Jesus and His friends were sitting on a hill called the Mount of Olives. From there, they could look out and see the whole city. Jesus began teaching them about God's kingdom—what it's like, how it grows, and what it means to live in it.

"Jesus wanted His friends to understand something special: when God gives you something, He wants you to use it. Not hide it or ignore it—use it!

"So Jesus told His friends a story to help them understand. It was a parable, which is a story that helps us learn something about God and His kingdom."

the servant with five bags of gold

STORYTELLER: "I need three volunteers to help me act out today's Bible Story. Raise your hand if you'd like to volunteer!

(Choose three kids from the ones who have their hands raised, and invite them to the front of the teaching area. Line them up in a row facing the audience.)

"Jesus told His friends about a man who was getting ready to go on a long trip. Before he left, he called three of his servants.

"Listen to what Jesus said next:

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 25:15-16 NIV.)

*"To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more."

"Did you hear that? The first servant was given five bags of gold. Let's count them together.

(Hand the first volunteer five bags of gold, one at a time as you count.)

"One ... two ... three ... four ... five!

"This servant didn't hide the bags. He didn't forget them. Jesus said he 'went at once.' That means he got started right away! He used what he was given and worked hard. Maybe he planted a garden. Maybe he made things to sell. Jesus didn't tell us exactly what he did, but we know this: He used his five bags the best he could.

"And because he used what he was given, he made five more bags of gold! Let's count those too.

(Hand the first volunteer five more bags of gold, one at a time as you count.)

"One ... two ... three ... four ... five more!

"Look at that! The servant used what he had, and it grew. He started with five bags, and he gained five more! That's a lot of gold!

"Jesus wanted His friends to understand that when we use the good things God gives us—like our kindness, our ideas, and our helping hands—they can grow and do great things for His kingdom!"

(Have the first volunteer remain at the front of the teaching area and hold all ten bags of gold.)

The SERVANT WITH TWO BAGS of gold

STORYTELLER: "Now let's hear what Jesus said about the next servant.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 25:15 NIV.)

"To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey."

(Hand the second volunteer two bags of gold, one at a time as you count.)

"One ... two!

"This servant was given two bags of gold. Not five like the first servant, but two. And Jesus said that this servant also went to work. He used what he was given the best he could.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 25:17 NIV.)

"So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more."

"That means he didn't just keep the two bags ... he made two more! Let's count those out too.

(Hand the volunteer two more bags of gold, one at a time as you count.)

"One ... two more!

"Look at that! The two bags grew into four. This servant used what he was given, and it became even more.

"Jesus wanted His friends to understand something important: God loves it when we use what He's given us. It didn't matter that this servant had fewer bags than the first one. He didn't say, 'That's not fair' or 'I wish I had more.' He just used what he had. And when he used it, it grew."

(Have the second volunteer remain at the front of the teaching area and hold all four bags of gold.)

The SERVANT WITH one BAG of gold

STORYTELLER: "Now let's hear what Jesus said about the last servant.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 25:15 NIV.)

"To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability."

(Hand the third volunteer one bag of gold as you count.)

"One.

"This servant had only one bag. Not five like the first servant. Not two like the second servant. Just one.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 25:18 NIV.)

"But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money."

"Uh-oh. Jesus said this servant didn't use the bag of gold at all. He didn't work with it. He didn't try. He didn't use what he was given. Instead, he dug a hole and hid it.

(Instruct the first volunteer to go hide the bag of gold somewhere in the room.)

"Yikes! That's interesting. He did something different than the other two servants. He didn't use what he was given—he hid it away.

"Jesus wanted His friends to see that hiding what God gives us keeps it from growing and doing great things. This servant didn't lose the bag, but he didn't use it either. And when we don't use the good things God gives us—our kindness, our helping hands, our talents—those things don't get the chance to grow.

"Look at the three servants now. One used his five bags and now has ten. One used his two bags and now has four. And one hid his bag and still has only one."

THE MASTER RETURNS

STORYTELLER: "Now Jesus said that after a long, long trip, the master finally came back home. And he wanted to see what his servants had done with the bags of gold he'd given them.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 25:20-25 NIV.)

"The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'"

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

"The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'"

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

"Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'"

"This servant didn't use what he had. He hid it. Nothing grew.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 25:26-28 NIV.)

"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'"

"So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.'"

"The master wasn't happy because this servant didn't even try. He didn't use the one thing he was given. It stayed the same.

"Thank you, volunteers! You can all take your seats!"

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Jesus told this story to help His friends understand something really important. The three servants each had something different. One had five bags of gold. One had two bags. One had one bag. They didn't all start with the same amount, but that didn't matter to the master. What mattered was what they chose to do with what they were given.

"The first two servants used what they had. They worked with it. They tried their best. And their bags grew! The master was so happy that he invited them to share in his joy.

"But the third servant hid his one bag. He didn't use it at all. The master wasn't upset because the servant had only one bag. He was upset because the servant didn't use what he had been given.

"Jesus wanted His friends, and all of us, to understand that God gives each of us different gifts. Some people have many gifts. Some have a few. But all of them are important. And when we use those gifts to help

others, to be kind, and to share God's love, we are showing God's good heart and His kingdom.

"Jesus told this story to show what life in God's kingdom is like. This is a real story about life in the kingdom now!

"God gives His people real things to take care of while He is gone. Jesus, our Master, is in heaven now, but He is coming back! When He comes back, He's going to live with us forever. But in the meantime, He invites us to use every single thing He has given us to do things that make Him happy—just like the first two servants did. They loved their master, and so they used whatever the master gave them to make him happy. They grew and grew what their master had given them. God will do the same thing with the gifts He has given you! God will do great kingdom things with the gifts He has given you when you use them!

"That reminds me of our Bottom Line for today! Let's see what it says.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you. Can you say that with me?"

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: [Bottom Line] "God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you."

10 min

Closing

5 min

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

What You Say:

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: "God has given every single one of you all kinds of special gifts you can use for Him. Those gifts definitely include those abilities we talked about earlier! Or it could be just being at the right place at the right time. Maybe it is money! But whatever God has given you, just like it made the master happy, it makes God really, really happy when you use what He's given you. So use every little thing He has given you to make Him happy.

"Maybe He has put you on the swim team this summer. You can ask, 'Okay, Jesus, how can I use this time on the team to make You happy?' Maybe you can encourage a teammate who isn't really very good at backstroke. Maybe swimming is really hard for you, and you show faithfulness by trying again. Maybe if you're really good and win all the time, you can be humble even though you're so fast!

"Or maybe you really like to bake premade cookie dough, and you look in the fridge, and there is some! You can ask yourself, 'How can I make Jesus happy with those ingredients and my baking skills?' Maybe ask a grown-up to help you bake some cookies and share them with a lonely neighbor. Or once you've made them, you can share them with your brother or sister, who is really hard to get along with sometimes.

"Think of every single thing you have and ask: 'How can I make God smile with this?' He's given you great things, and you can use them well until He gets back!

"When you use those gifts and help someone, share, show kindness, or do what's right, you are using what God has given you. That means people get to see God's love through you.

"You don't have to do something big. You don't have to be perfect. You just use what God has already given you. And you're not alone when you do this—God will help you!

"Because just like the master in the story, Jesus, our wise master who left us with so many gifts, is coming back. He wants to see what we've done with all the gifts He's given us. That might sound scary, but you never have to be afraid, because God loves you, He is always with you, and He wants to see you do great things with what He's given you. The master was so happy when His servants used what He had given them. God is too! Ask Him to help you think of things to do if you need it!

"Let's take a quiet moment to talk to the good master who left us with gifts."

5 min

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "You can bow your heads and close your eyes.

"God, thank You for giving each of us special gifts. Thank You for putting us in unique places to use every little thing You've given us. We want to use everything You've given us to show Your love to others. We want Your kingdom to grow, and we are ready to be part of it. We want to make You happy with the way we live our lives. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

(Dismiss kids to Small Groups.)

AUDIO: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

Getting Ready | K3 Large Group

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

APlay

APlay is your all-in-one presentation, preparation, and curriculum ecosystem that saves you time and money. APlay is free with your curriculum subscription! APlay offers powerful tools that build media playlists, compile curriculum documents, auto-update supply lists by child count, cast media to screens, and so much more.

Built to work in harmony with your curriculum, APlay Service Builder allows leaders to drop in, toggle on and off, or customize teaching plans, worship elements, and media assets in seconds. For even more value, upgrade to Amazing+ to unlock the parent app, Parent+.

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (25 minutes)

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God (10 minutes)

1. Opener

What You Need:

- Host
- 5 kid volunteers (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)

Music and Sound Effects:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Upbeat music to use for the game

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- "Once Upon a Time! Title" Slide

Optional Videos:

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.

- Download music and/or sound effects on an authorized basis from a resource such as Apple Music®, Amazon Music®, and/or a sound effect library and have it ready to play. Or, if you choose to stream music, refer to the terms and conditions of your streaming service. Note that you will likely need a commercial license in order to stream music publicly. Also confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform music and sound effects in your kids' environments, such as a blanket PERFORMmusic™ license from CCS. *Note: Legally, a song and/or sound effect belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song and/or sound effect.*

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Closer" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "King Of My Heart" - available on APlay with Amazing Music

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide

What You Do:

- If you are utilizing the suggested songs from **Amazing Music-**, search for your desired video resource for each song under the Worship section on APlay and add to your service!
- You can access Amazing Music's Dance Motion, Lyric, and Instrumental Videos in APlay under the Worship section.
- Amazing Music Song Trainings are available in Amazing Leaders and FREE on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/@AmazingKidsMusic>
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3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Table
- Bible
- 15 money bags (You can use any small bags.)
- Filler for the money bags (It could be tissue paper, gold coins, random objects, etc. The bags just need to look full.)

Music and Sound Effects:

- Calm music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Theme Slide

Optional Video:

- Theme Loop

Optional Video: (available in APlay)

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (Kindergarten through 3rd grade):

- *StoryLab*: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAM-inspired setting.

For 252 Preteen (4th and 5th grade):

- *The So & So Show*: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a variety show full of humor and biblical truth.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Countdown video

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- Place the fifteen money bags on the table for the Storyteller to use during the teaching.

Supplies:

- Host
- 5 kid volunteers (Ask for new volunteers at the start of each round!)
- Music and Sound Effects
- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Upbeat music to use for the game
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Slide
- "Once Upon a Time! Title" Slide
- Optional Videos
- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro
- Worship Leader(s)
- Music and Sound Effects
- "Closer" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
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WEEK

THREE

K-3 | W3

Today's Suggested Schedule—July 2026, Week 3

Bible Story: The Servant Who Had No Mercy • *Matthew 18:21-35*

Bottom Line: God's kingdom grows when you forgive.

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 Nlrv

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.

Prelude: Setting the Tone for the Experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener

Worship

Bible Story

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: King for a Day (K–1st grade), You Break It, I Fix It (2nd–3rd grade)

Application Activity: Counting Forgiveness (K–1st grade), Heavy or Light Backpack (2nd–3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Three Pillar Pose (K–1st grade), Memory Verse Suncatcher (2nd–3rd grade)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)

Devotionals for Kids

Parent Cue App



Bible Story

The Servant Who Had No Mercy • *Matthew 18:21-35*

Bottom Line

God's kingdom grows when you forgive.

Conversation Starter

What and who do you need to forgive?

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 Nlrv

5 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

Setting the Tone for the Experience

What You Say:

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome back to Kingdom Quest! I'm so glad you're here today. This whole summer, we've been learning about God's kingdom, and the full name of our series this month is 'Kingdom Quest—Living the Greatest Adventure.'"

"But what is God's kingdom? Well, God's kingdom is anywhere where He reigns! He is loving, joyful, kind, trustworthy, holy, and righteous—and all of these really great things. God's kingdom is good, because the King is good. And we want God to spread this good kingdom everywhere because it is so good!"

"Before we jump into our game, we're going to do a quick warm-up. Everyone, stand up!"

"If you're ready ... touch your nose."

(Pause while kids touch their noses.)

"If you're ready ... pat your head."

(Pause while kids pat their heads.)

"If you're REALLY ready ... spin in a tiny circle."

(Pause while kids spin in a circle.)

"Nice! You're all awake and ready to go!"

"Great job! You can take a seat. It's officially game time! Today's game is called ... 'Find It Fast!'"

SLIDE: Find It Fast! Title

"Here's how it works: I'm going to call out something for you to find. It might be something you're wearing, something on the floor, or something in the room. When you find it, bring it right up here to me as fast as you can. Whoever brings me the correct item first wins!"

"Ready? Let's start easy. I need you to bring me a shoe, fast!"

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Pause while kids grab a shoe and bring it to you. Celebrate the first kid to bring you a shoe.)

"Great job! Okay, you can put your shoe back on! Let's try another. Find it fast ... a Bible!

(Pause while kids grab a Bible and bring it to you. Celebrate the first kid to bring you a Bible.)

"Great job! You guys are doing amazing! Let's make it trickier. Find it fast ... something red!

(Pause while kids grab a red item and bring it to you. Celebrate the first kid to bring you a red item.)

"Awesome! Let's keep going!

(Play a few more rounds. Have kids find a jacket, a hair clip, cash, a pen, Genesis 1:1, etc.)

"Wow! You all were lightning fast! I love how well you listened and how quickly you moved. Great job!

"Looks like it's time to check out our Bottom Line for today. This is an important one! Let's see what it says.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God's kingdom grows when you forgive. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "God's kingdom grows when you forgive."

HOST: "Great job, friends! We will learn more about that soon!"

10 min

Worship | Amazing Music

5 min

Closer | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Over & Over Again | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Say:

AMAZING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hi, friends! Who's ready to worship today? Me too! Go ahead and stand up on your feet. We're going to sing to God with our whole hearts because He loves us so much.

"Let's start by reaching our hands up high ... now stretch them out wide ... now wiggle your fingers. Nice! You're warmed up and ready to go.

"We're going to sing two songs that remind us how much God loves us and how we can trust Him every day. Let's sing 'Closer' together. Get ready to jump, dance, and show God your joy!

SONG: "Closer" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"When we worship, we're telling God, 'I love You, and I want to follow You.'

"Our next song is 'Over & Over Again.' This song reminds us that God's love doesn't stop. He forgives us, He helps us, and He's always with us—over and over again. Let's sing it together!

What You Say:

SONG: "Over & Over Again" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"You all did an amazing job worshiping today. Remember, worship isn't just something we do with music. We can worship God anywhere and anytime—when we're riding in the car, eating lunch, getting ready for bed, or playing outside with our friends.

"Now it's time to review our Memory Verse for the month! It tells us something really special: God's kingdom is full of good things because God, the King, is so good!

"Our Memory Verse is found in Romans 14:17. I'll read it first, then I'll guide you through it!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: *"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)."*

"Now, let me guide you through it. Repeat after me—nice and loud!

WORSHIP LEADER: *"God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"It is about doing what is right"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"It is about doing what is right"*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"and having peace and joy."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"and having peace and joy."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"All this comes through the Holy Spirit."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"All this comes through the Holy Spirit."*

WORSHIP LEADER: "Romans 14:17!"

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Romans 14:17!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job! This verse reminds us that God is good, and if you hang around God through His very Spirit, the Holy Spirit, He will grow good things in you!"

"Thanks for worshipping with me today, friends!"

15 min

Bible Story

5 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

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- Be sure the blender is plugged in, and keep it away from the kids.
- Place the trash can on the floor next to the table.

5 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

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- Place the trash can on the floor next to the table.

5 min

Bible Story (Live)

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

BIBLE STORY (STORYTELLER SCRIPT)

*SLIDE: Theme Background**(Things to have ready: Set up the table at the front of the teaching area so the Storyteller can place their Bible on it and read from it. Plugged-in blender, clear bowl, spoon, ingredients for mixture, two pieces of paper, and marker on the table. Trash can on the floor next to the table.)*

INTRODUCTION

STORYTELLER: "Hi, friends! I'm so glad you're here today. We're going to do my favorite thing together—learn about God!

"All summer long, we've been talking about the kingdom God is the King of! It's God's kingdom. Our theme this month is: 'Kingdom Quest—Living the Greatest Adventure.'

"But what is God's kingdom? Well, like we said, God's kingdom is where He is King! It's where He reigns, and where His ways—His love, His faithfulness, His truthfulness, and His goodness—are the way things operate. God's kingdom is a good, good place that we want everyone to be a part of! We want more people to see how awesome God, the King, is and join His kingdom!

"Before we hear our Bible Story today about God's kingdom, we're going to start with something ... a little bit gross. Are you ready for this?

"You know, I've been working on a recipe, and I wrote it down! I had it all ready, but I actually lost the recipe ... so I'm just going to wing it. It'll be fine! Let's do it!

(Pour the ingredients into the blender or bowl as you talk.)

"Let's start with some cocoa powder.

(Dump the cocoa powder into the blender or bowl.)

"Now ... some vegetable juice.

(Pour some vegetable juice into the blender or bowl.)

"Hmmm, was this in the recipe? Oh well, guess we'll never know! This smells interesting already.

"Oh, I definitely can't forget the tuna and pickles. I mean, we have cocoa powder in there—don't they say chocolate goes with everything? Yum!

(Dump the tuna and pickles into the blender or bowl.)

(Hold up the sprinkles.)

"And of course ... sprinkles. Because why not? Sprinkles just make everything better!

(Blend the ingredients together in the blender, or stir them together in the bowl. If you use the blender to mix, dump the mixture into the clear bowl when you're done blending.)

"Whoa! Look at this. This mixture is chunky ... and gooey ... and very stinky. It's messy. It's yucky. Nobody wants this! If anything, they probably want to be as far away from this mixture as they can!

"Sometimes, when someone hurts our feelings, our hearts start to feel a little bit like the mixture in this bowl ... all mixed up with yucky feelings we don't know what to do with.

"We're going to come back to this later, and it's going to help us understand something Jesus taught His friends. Let's dive into our Bible Story for today."

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Jesus spent a lot of time teaching His friends, the disciples, about God's kingdom. Jesus wanted them to understand that God's kingdom was different from any kingdom on earth. It wasn't about castles or crowns. It was about living God's way. When we live God's way, we show our world what God is like!

"One day, Jesus and His friends were together, listening and learning. Jesus was helping them understand how people in God's kingdom should treat one another.

"The disciples had lots of questions because they wanted to follow Jesus with their whole hearts. And Jesus always loved helping His friends understand God's heart.

"While they were talking, one of Jesus' friends had a really big question ... and that question started the story Jesus told next."

peter HAS A BIG QUESTION ABOUT FORGIVENESS

STORYTELLER: "Jesus' friend Peter asked Jesus a really big question. Let's see what he said.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 18:21 NIV.)

Then Peter came to Jesus. He asked, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

"Peter thought forgiving someone seven times was a lot. But Jesus had an even bigger answer.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 18:22 NIV.)

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but 77 times."

"Jesus wasn't telling Peter to count all the way to 77 and only forgive 77 times. Jesus was telling Peter to keep forgiving! Over and over and over!

(Hold up a clean piece of paper, and write "Hurt" on the paper so it's readable from the audience.)

"Sometimes, some people hurt us. Maybe they say something mean. Maybe they don't want to play with us. Maybe they grab a toy. And our heart feels ... hurt.

"Everyone, show me your 'hurt' face.

(Pause while kids make "hurt" faces.)

"Getting hurt by someone never feels good. And when we don't forgive, that hurt doesn't go away. It sits with us.

(Hold up the bowl of mixed ingredients.)

"Now, let's look at this mixture. Do you see how chunky it is? Do you see how slimy it is? Who wants to take a deep smell?

(Lean close to the mixture, and loudly sniff it.)

"Oh, wow. Yeah. That's a terrible smell. This bowl is yucky, sticky, and messy.

"But guess what? When we don't forgive ... this is kind of like what we choose to carry in our hearts: a big, heavy bowl of yuck.

(Hold up the "Hurt" paper, then crumple it up.)

"We have this hurt in our lives. Let's see what happens if we stay with the hurt and don't learn how to forgive.

(Dip the "Hurt" paper all the way into the mixture, then hold the wet paper up for the audience to see.)

"Oh, look at that! Ew, it's getting soggy. It's getting slimy. It's dripping. It's ... oh man, that is GROSS!

"Listen, I don't want to be holding this now! Just imagine if I went to work holding this, or I drove my car holding this, or I took this to the movie theatre, one hand holding popcorn, the other holding ... this ... absolutely not!

"Or what if you took this yucky paper to your friend's house to play and you never set it down, or you took it to school and held it all day, or even when you went to your favorite restaurant, you never stopped holding it. No way! You would never want to do that!

"But when someone hurts us, and we don't forgive ... it's like carrying gross feelings in our heart.

"And our hearts feel just like this paper. Heavy ... messy ... and just not good for us.

"Jesus didn't want Peter, or us, to live with hearts full of yuck. So Jesus told a story to show us how important it is to forgive. Let's take a look."

THE KING FORGIVES A BIG PROBLEM

STORYTELLER: "Jesus began His story with something surprising. He said there was a king who wanted to collect all the money his servants owed him. And one servant owed him so much money that it was almost impossible to believe.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 18:23-25 NIV.)

"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to collect all the money his servants owed him. As the king began to do it, a man who owed him 10,000 bags of gold was brought to him. The man was not able to pay. So his master gave an order. The man, his wife, his children, and all he owned had to be sold to pay back what he owed."

"Ten thousand bags of gold? Friends, that is a LOT of gold. Can you show me with your arms how big you think that is?"

(Pause while kids stretch arms wide.)

"Yes! That much! Imagine trying to carry that home from the bank. You couldn't even lift it!

"And the servant owed ALL of it. There was no way he could pay it back. Not in one year ... not in ten years ... not in a lot of years ... not in his whole life! This was a BIG problem.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 18:26-27 NIV.)

"Then the servant fell on his knees in front of him. 'Give me time,' he begged. 'I'll pay everything back.' His master felt sorry for him. He forgave him what he owed and let him go."

"Whoa, hold on. Did you hear that? The king forgave all of it. The servant didn't have to pay even one gold coin back. The king just ... let it go.

"That is BIG forgiveness. Huge forgiveness! The kind of forgiveness that makes your heart feel brand-new.

"Show me with your hands—how big do you think that forgiveness was?

(Pause while kids stretch arms wide.)

"Yes, that big! The king gave the servant a brand-new beginning.

"That's how God forgives us too. The king in the story shows us what God's heart is like."

THE SERVANT DOESN'T FORGIVE

STORYTELLER: "Now, Jesus continued His story. The king had forgiven the servant's HUGE problem. That should have made the servant so thankful and kind, right? But that's not what happened next.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 18:28 NIV.)

"But then that servant went out and found one of the other servants who owed him 100 silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he said."

"One hundred silver coins was tiny. So small! Nothing like the giant problem the king forgave. But this servant didn't choose to give forgiveness ... even though he had been forgiven.

(Pick up another clean piece of paper.)

"Remember how we talked about hurt? When we hold onto hurt and don't forgive ... it doesn't just stay hurt. Hurt starts to grow ... and grow ... until it turns into MAD.

(Write "Mad" on the paper, boldly so the audience can read it.)

"Everyone, show me your 'mad' face.

(Pause while kids make "mad" faces.)

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 18:29-30 NIV.)

"The other servant fell on his knees. 'Give me time,' he begged him. 'I'll pay it back.'"

"But the first servant refused. Instead, he went and had the man thrown into prison. The man would be held there until he could pay back what he owed."

"Wow ... instead of forgiving, the first servant became angry and threw the other servant into prison.

(Hold up the "Mad" paper, and then crumple it up. Dip the "Mad" paper all the way into the mixture, then hold the wet paper up for the audience to see.)

"Oh, look at that. That is SO gross! The goo sticks to the paper right away. It drips. It makes a mess.

"And when we stay mad—when we won't forgive—we end up carrying really bad thoughts and emotions inside of us.

"But the story Jesus told wasn't over yet. Let's see what happened next.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 18:31-34 NIV.)

"The other servants saw what had happened and were very angry. They went and told their master everything that had happened.

"Then the master called the first servant in. 'You evil servant,' he said. 'I forgave all that you owed me because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on the other servant just as I had mercy on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers. He would be punished until he paid back everything he owed."

"The king forgave the servant completely ... but the servant didn't forgive someone else at all.

"And just like this paper, mad feelings don't belong inside our hearts forever. Forgiving someone doesn't mean what they did was okay. It means we don't want to carry around the yucky, hurt, mad feelings about someone anymore.

(Drop the "Hurt" and "Mad" papers in the trash can.)

"When we forgive, we give all the yucky feelings to God. And He helps our hearts get clean and light again."

wrapping up THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Jesus told this story to help His friends understand something very important about God's kingdom. In the story, the king forgave a HUGE problem—a problem the servant could never fix on his own. The king showed incredible kindness and gave the servant a brand-new start.

"But the servant didn't pass that kindness on. Even though he had been forgiven so much, he refused to forgive someone else for something very small. Jesus wanted everyone listening to understand that God's kingdom works differently. In God's kingdom, forgiveness is meant to flow from one person to another.

"When we see how much God forgives us, we start to understand how big His love is. And when we choose to forgive others, we help show that same love to the world.

"When we forgive others like Jesus has forgiven us, we are pointing to God's kingdom. We are being forgiving like God! And God will do great kingdom things when we forgive like He does.

"That's what our Bottom Line today is all about. Let's take a look at it together.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God's kingdom grows when you forgive. Can you say that with me?"

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: [Bottom Line] "God's kingdom grows when you forgive."

10 min

Closing

5 min

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

What You Say:

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: "Jesus was telling this story to teach us about God's kingdom. We are the servant who has been forgiven of the huge debt we could never repay.

"We sinned and broke our closeness with God, and we couldn't ever, ever, ever fix that. But Jesus came and paid for our sin. He made a way for us to be forgiven! God has forgiven us of something so big!

"So when people hurt us, and they will, God wants us to forgive them, like He has forgiven us.

"He doesn't want us to carry yucky feelings around! But that's what happens inside us when we hold onto bad feelings.

"When someone hurts our feelings, it's totally okay to feel sad or hurt at first. But if we hold onto that hurt, it can grow into being really mad and even being mean. And then we end up carrying around all those yucky feelings, just like the slimy papers we saw.

"But God doesn't want us to carry that yuck! And because God forgives us, we can forgive others too.

"Forgiving someone doesn't mean what they did was okay. If someone makes you uncomfortable, tell a grown-up you trust! But forgiveness means you are choosing not to keep the hurt or the mad feelings inside your heart anymore. You're giving those feelings to God so He can help your heart feel clean and light again.

"And every time you forgive—whether it's a friend, a classmate, a brother, or a sister—you're being like Jesus. That means people get to see God's love through you, and your heart feels so much better too.

"Let's take a quiet moment to talk to the King who has forgiven us of so much."

What You Say:

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "You can bow your heads and close your eyes.

"God, thank You so much for forgiving us of our massive debt, just like the king in the story. Sometimes people hurt our feelings, and sometimes we end up holding onto hurt or mad feelings that feel yucky. But we don't want to carry those around anymore. Today, we give those hurt and mad feelings to You. Please help our hearts feel clean and light again. Help us forgive others the way You forgive us. We want Your kingdom to grow. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

(Dismiss kids to Small Groups.)

AUDIO: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

Getting Ready | K3 Large Group

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

APlay

APlay is your all-in-one presentation, preparation, and curriculum ecosystem that saves you time and money. APlay is free with your curriculum subscription! APlay offers powerful tools that build media playlists, compile curriculum documents, auto-update supply lists by child count, cast media to screens, and so much more.

Built to work in harmony with your curriculum, APlay Service Builder allows leaders to drop in, toggle on and off, or customize teaching plans, worship elements, and media assets in seconds. For even more value, upgrade to Amazing+ to unlock the parent app, Parent+.

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (25 minutes)

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God (10 minutes)

1. Opener

What You Need:

- Host

Music and Sound Effects:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Upbeat music to use for the game

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- "Find It Fast! Title" Slide

Optional Videos:

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro

What You Do:

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- Download music and/or sound effects on an authorized basis from a resource such as Apple Music®, Amazon Music®, and/or a sound effect library and have it ready to play. Or, if you choose to stream music, refer to the terms and conditions of your streaming service. Note that you will likely need a commercial license in order to stream music publicly. Also confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform music and sound effects in your kids' environments, such as a blanket PERFORMmusic™ license from CCS. *Note: Legally, a song and/or sound effect belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song and/or sound effect.*

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Closer" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "Over & Over Again" - available on APlay with Amazing Music

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide

What You Do:

- If you are utilizing the suggested songs from **Amazing Music-**, search for your desired video resource for each song under the Worship section on APlay and add to your service!
- You can access Amazing Music's Dance Motion, Lyric, and Instrumental Videos in APlay under the Worship section.
- Amazing Music Song Trainings are available in Amazing Leaders and FREE on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/@AmazingKidsMusic>
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3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Table
- Bible
- Clear bowl
- Spoon
- Blender (plugged in; be sure to have the lid and to keep the blender away from the kids)
- Cocoa powder
- Vegetable juice
- Can or packet of tuna
- Jar of sliced pickles
- Sprinkles
- Trash can
- 2 pieces of paper
- Marker

Music and Sound Effects:

- Calm music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Theme Slide

Optional Video:

- Theme Loop

Optional Video: (available in APlay)

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (Kindergarten through 3rd grade):

- *StoryLab*: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAM-inspired setting.

For 252 Preteen (4th and 5th grade):

- *The So & So Show*: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a variety show full of humor and biblical truth.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Countdown video

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- Be sure the blender is plugged in, and keep it away from the kids.
- Place the trash can on the floor next to the table.

Supplies:

- Host
- Music and Sound Effects
- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Upbeat music to use for the game
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Slide
- "Find It Fast! Title" Slide
- Optional Videos
- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro
- Worship Leader(s)
- Music and Sound Effects
- "Closer" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
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- Theme Loop
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WEEK

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K-3 | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule—July 2026, Week 4

Bible Story: The Story of the Widow Who Would Not Give Up • Luke 18:1-8

Bottom Line: God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up.

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

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.

Prelude: Setting the Tone for the Experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener

Worship

Bible Story

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Balloon People (K-1st grade), Judge Statue (2nd-3rd grade)

Application Activity: Keep On Knocking (K-1st grade), Yes, No, Not Yet (2nd-3rd grade)

Memory Verse Activity: Sticker Reward Bookmark (K-1st grade),

Memory Verse Tower (2nd-3rd grade)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss (K-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade)

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)

Devotionals for Kids

Parent Cue App



Bible Story

The Story of the Widow Who Would Not Give Up
• Luke 18:1-8

Bottom Line

God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up.

Conversation Starter

What do you need to keep doing?

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

5 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

Setting the Tone for the Experience

What You Say:

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome to [Your Environment Name]! I'm so glad you're here. If this is your first time, seriously, you picked an awesome day to join us. This whole summer, we've been going on a Kingdom Quest and discovering more about what it means to live in God's kingdom. The full name of our series this month is 'Kingdom Quest—Living the Greatest Adventure.'

"And today, we're stepping into another part of the journey!

"But what is God's kingdom? Well, God's kingdom is anywhere where He reigns! He is loving, joyful, kind, trustworthy, holy, and righteous—and all of these really great things. God's kingdom is good because the King is good. And we want God to spread this good kingdom everywhere because it is so good!

"Before we get into today's Bible Story, let's warm up our imagination muscles. Every great quest needs adventurers who can move fast, think fast, and pretend fast. So everybody, stand up!

"Today, we're playing a game called 'Follow the Adventure!'

SLIDE: Follow the Adventure! Title

"Here's how it works: I'm going to tell part of an imaginary adventure from deep inside the kingdom. Whatever I describe ... YOU act out. I want to see some prime acting skills. I want this place to be transformed because your acting is going to be pristine! Production crew, set the mood with some cinema music. Let's go!

AUDIO: Cinematic music

(Tell the story, and pause appropriately throughout so the kids can act out the different parts of the story.)

"Once upon a time, there were adventurers, and they stepped into a Forest of Funny Discoveries. The air smells like warm cinnamon bread, and cotton-candy clouds drift so low, you have to DUCK so they don't tickle your ears. You swipe one away ... swipe the other way ... whoa, another one! Too many! Shake them off!

"You crunch forward over a trail made of cracker leaves. Every step, CRUNCH. CRUNCH. CRUNCH. Then suddenly, your foot sinks,

SQUELCH, into a giant puddle of cold chocolate pudding! Lift your foot ... try to shake it off ... nope, it's still there ... shake harder ... now hop out before you sink deeper!

"You walk a little farther, and the ground suddenly turns into a MARSHMALLOW TRAMPOLINE FIELD! You bounce once ... bounce higher ... bounce SUPER high, arms flailing, then land without falling. Nice save.

"Bright jellybean balloons float past your head. You try batting one away ... but it sticks to your hand! Shake it off! No, it's stuck to the other hand! Shake THAT off! Now do a full-body shake until it finally drifts away.

"You continue your journey when suddenly, WHOOSH, a Sprinkle Storm begins! Tiny rainbow sprinkles fly everywhere. It's snowing sprinkles! Brush them off your shoulders ... your hair ... your shoes ... now try walking through it like you're fighting a giant sprinkle windstorm ... lean forward ... keep going ... almost there ... and BREAK THROUGH!

"You make it out, but now a GIANT pudding bubble rises behind you. Turn around in ultra-slow motion ... the bubble wobbles ... wobbles ... and POP! Pudding splatters across your face. Oh ... my ... Wipe your forehead ... your eyes ... your cheeks ... yeah, even that spot behind your ear!

"Then you spot a staircase made of giant Twizzlers. Climb step one ... step two ... step three ... each one squishes under your feet. At the top, you slide down a caramel river, arms up! Yeah! Land safely with a SPLAT on a marshmallow landing pad.

"At the very end of the trail, you find a giant sign covered in sprinkles and cotton candy webs. Use huge superhero motions to wipe it clean ... wipe the sides ... wipe the top ... and there it is.

"The sign says: 'WELCOME, COURAGEOUS KINGDOM QUEST ADVENTURER! KEEP GOING!'

"You made it! Make a heroic pose ... hold it ... and relax. THE END.

"Wow! That was crazy and so fun! You guys can ahead and grab a seat.

"My goodness, we have fun here! Let's go ahead and learn our Bottom Line for today.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: [Bottom Line] "God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up."

HOST: "Great job, friends! We're going to learn more about that very soon!"

10 min

Worship | Amazing Music

5 min

Closer | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

King Of My Heart | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

Inviting People to Respond to God

What You Say:

AMAZING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everyone! I'm really glad you're here today. Before we sing, I want us to slow down for a moment. Worship is one of the most wonderful things we get to do together. It's our time to turn our attention toward God—to remember that He's near, He listens, and He loves us more than we can imagine.

"Our first song is 'Closer.' As we sing, think about this: God invites each of us to come close to Him. Not because we're perfect, not because we've earned it, but because He loves us. So as you worship, know He's not far away. Let's sing together!

SONG: "Closer" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"You all sound great! Let's keep worshipping! Our next song, 'King Of My Heart,' is a chance for us to tell God, 'You're good. You're trustworthy. No matter what I'm facing, I choose to let You be the One who leads me.' As we sing, if there's something you're worried about or something you've been carrying, you can give it to Him. He's big enough to hold it. Let's worship!

What You Say:

SONG: "King Of My Heart" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

"Here's something I want you to remember: Worship isn't just what we do in this room. Worship is a way of living with our hearts turned toward God. This week, when you wake up in the morning, you can whisper, 'Good morning, God.' When you feel nervous or frustrated, you can say, 'God, please help me.' When something great happens, you can say, 'Thank You, God.' Those simple words are worship.

"Now it's time to go over our Memory Verse we've been learning all month! It reminds us what God's kingdom is really like. God's kingdom is good because the King is good!

"Our Memory Verse is found in Romans 14:17. I'll read it first, then I'll guide you through it!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: *"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)."*

"Now, let me guide you through it. Repeat after me—nice and loud!

WORSHIP LEADER: *"God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"It is about doing what is right"*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"It is about doing what is right"*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"and having peace and joy."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"and having peace and joy."*

WORSHIP LEADER: *"All this comes through the Holy Spirit."*

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"All this comes through the Holy Spirit."*

WORSHIP LEADER: "Romans 14:17!"

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: "Romans 14:17!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "So this week, stay close to the Holy Spirit. Good things come from being close to God—like what is right, peace, and joy.

"Thanks for worshiping with me today, friends!"

15 min

Bible Story

5 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Do:

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5 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

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5 min

Bible Story (Live)

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

BIBLE STORY (STORYTELLER SCRIPT)

SLIDE: Theme Background

(Things to have ready: Set up the table at the front of the teaching area so the Storyteller can place their Bible on it and read from it. Pre-determined leader to the side of the teaching area with the bell. Snack for the leader under the table.)

INTRODUCTION

STORYTELLER: "Hey, everyone! Welcome back to Kingdom Quest!

"All summer long, we've been talking about God's kingdom. Our theme this month is: 'Kingdom Quest—Living the Greatest Adventure.'

"But what is God's kingdom? Well, God's kingdom is where He is King! It's where He reigns, and where His ways—His love, His faithfulness, His truthfulness, and His goodness—are the way things operate. God's kingdom is a good, good place because the King is good. And we want everyone to be a part of God's kingdom! We want more people to see how awesome God, the King, is and join His kingdom!

"As we read more in the Bible about God's kingdom, let me ask you something ... have you ever prayed for something, and it felt like nothing was happening? Maybe you asked God to help you with something hard at school. Maybe you prayed for someone to feel better. Maybe you asked for courage, or help, or change ... and it felt like the answer was taking forever.

"That feeling is tough, isn't it? The waiting can feel long. And sometimes, we even wonder, 'Should I just stop praying about this?'

"There are moments when we might want to quit, give up, or move on. But Jesus knew that His followers, including us, would face those moments. So He told a story for times when praying feels hard. A story for when you're tired, or unsure, or starting to think, 'Maybe God isn't listening ...'

"This story reminds us of something huge, something Jesus wants all of us to know: God wants you to pray and not give up! Let's dive into today's Bible Story."

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Before Jesus told this story, He had been spending a lot of time with His disciples, His closest friends. They traveled with Him from town to town, and everywhere they went, people asked Jesus for help. Some people were sick. Some were hurting. Some felt alone. And Jesus loved every single one of them.

"But the disciples noticed something else too—Jesus prayed all the time. Early in the morning, late at night, before big moments, after big moments ... Jesus talked to God all of the time. And even though Jesus is God's Son, He still prayed, again and again and again. He never stopped.

"One day, Jesus gathered His friends close and told a story, a parable. And this one was about two very different people: a powerful judge who didn't care what anyone thought, and a woman who was desperate."

KEEP ASKING

STORYTELLER: "Jesus began this story because He wanted His friends to understand something important about prayer. Sometimes praying can feel slow. Sometimes it feels like nothing is happening at all. So Jesus said ...

(Open the Bible and read Luke 18:2-3 NIV.)

"In a certain town there was a judge. He didn't have any respect for God or care about what people thought. A widow lived in that town. She came to the judge again and again. She kept begging him, 'Make things right for me. Someone is treating me badly.'"

"As soon as Jesus mentioned a widow, everyone listening understood. A widow is a woman whose husband has died. In Jesus' time, widows didn't have much money, and it was very hard for them to get help. But this widow didn't give up. She kept showing up again ... and again ... and again.

(RING! RING! Pre-determined leader rings the bell and interrupts the teaching.)

"Oh, kind of like THAT. Imagine the judge is trying to work, trying to ignore the widow, and she keeps coming back and asking for help.

(RING! RING! Pre-determined leader rings the bell and interrupts the teaching.)

"That's what it was like. She kept showing up. She kept asking. She didn't quit—not on the first day, not the second day, not for a lot of days.

(Open the Bible and read Luke 18:4-5 NIV.)

"For some time the judge refused. But finally he said to himself, 'I don't have any respect for God. I don't care about what people think. But this widow keeps bothering me. So I will see that things are made right for her. If I don't, she will someday come and attack me!'"

"This judge didn't help the widow because he was kind or patient. He helped her because she kept asking. She was persistent. She didn't give up. She kept showing up.

(RING! RING! RING! Pre-determined leader rings the bell dramatically and interrupts the teaching.)

"That's the picture Jesus wanted us to see. Not because God is like the judge—He's WAY more loving than that—but because the widow shows us what it looks like to keep going, even when things are hard."

GOD HEARS YOU

STORYTELLER: "Jesus wasn't finished with His story yet. After explaining how the judge finally helped the widow because she kept coming back, Jesus wanted His disciples to understand something way bigger."

(Open the Bible and read Luke 18:6-8 NIV.)

The Lord said, "Listen to what the unfair judge says. God's chosen people cry out to him day and night. Won't he make things right for them? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, God will see that things are made right for them. He will make sure it happens quickly. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find people on earth who have faith?"

"Jesus was saying: If even a grumpy judge who doesn't care about anybody finally helped this woman ... imagine how much more God cares about you."

(RING! Pre-determined leader rings the bell and interrupts the teaching.)

LEADER: "Is it snack time yet? I'm hungry! Waiting is SO hard!"

STORYTELLER: "Exactly. That's what it feels like sometimes. We pray ..."

(RING! Pre-determined leader rings the bell and interrupts the teaching.)

"We pray again ..."

(RING! Pre-determined leader rings the bell and interrupts the teaching.)

"We pray again ... and it feels like nothing is happening. Sometimes we think, 'Is God even listening?'"

(RING! Pre-determined leader rings the bell and interrupts the teaching.)

LEADER: "HELLOOOO? I'm asking, and the snack is STILL not here!"

STORYTELLER: "Here's the truth Jesus wants us to understand: God is nothing like that judge in the story. The judge didn't care. God ALWAYS cares. God never gets tired of hearing your voice. The judge helped only so the widow would stop asking. God helps because He loves you."

"When you pray, God isn't ignoring you. He isn't annoyed. He isn't too busy. He isn't rolling His eyes like, 'Oh, great, here THEY come again.'"

"Jesus Himself was encouraging everyone to keep praying, keep asking, and keep talking to God, even when the answer feels slow. Sometimes God says, 'Yes.' Sometimes He says, 'No.' And sometimes He says, 'Not yet ... keep trusting Me.'

"When it feels like nothing is happening, remember, something actually is happening—your faith and persistence are growing! And you're getting to know God better and better.

(RING! Pre-determined leader rings the bell and interrupts the teaching.)

"Okay, okay ... I have your snack right here."

(Grab the snack from under the table, and give it to the leader.)

LEADER: "Yum! Thank you so much! It's my favorite!"

(Leader grabs the snack and exits the teaching area.)

wrapping up THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Jesus' story showed His disciples something about God's heart. The widow didn't stop asking the judge for help, even when it seemed hopeless. And eventually, the judge gave in, not because he cared, but because she kept coming back.

"In Jesus' story, the judge finally acted because of the widow's persistence. But Jesus wanted His friends to understand something much bigger: God is nothing like that judge. God doesn't ignore us. He doesn't get tired of us. He doesn't help us just so we'll stop asking.

"Jesus used this story to show that an unfair, uncaring judge finally made things right, and if an unfair judge did that, then we can be absolutely sure that God, who loves us deeply, hears us when we pray. He listens. He cares. And He will do what's right in His perfect timing.

"This parable was Jesus' way of encouraging His friends. He wanted them to remember that talking to God is never wasted, never unnoticed, and never too small. It was His reminder to keep praying and not lose heart.

"God wants us to talk to Him and talk to Him and talk to Him about what we want and need. And He promises that He will do great kingdom things when we do!

"That reminds me of our Bottom Line for today. Let's see what it says.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

10 min

Closing

5 min

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

What You Say:

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

HOST: "We are to go to God with our needs and desires and keep asking, over and over and over. When you pray, you're talking to the God who loves you. The God who listens. The God who knows everything you're going through. And Jesus wanted us to know that we don't have to quit or feel discouraged if the answer seems slow. We can keep praying, over and over, because God never gets tired of hearing our voice.

"God is our friend, and He loves to hear from us.

"Sometimes when we ask God for something, He answers fast. Sometimes it takes time. Sometimes the answer looks different from what we imagined. But every time you pray, you are drawing closer to God.

"So our part in the friendship is simple: Keep praying, and keep going. Don't give up! Because God is close, and He cares, and He's working, even when we can't see it yet.

"God wants to hear your heart and invites you to share it with Him. What are you praying for right now? Keep asking.

"Let's talk to the God who loves it when we talk to Him!"

What You Say:

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "You can bow your heads and close your eyes.

"God, thank You that You never get tired of us coming to You again and again. You are good, You are kind, and You always listen. God, sometimes waiting is hard. Sometimes we feel frustrated, or tired, or unsure. But we will keep praying and not give up. We trust that You're working, even when we can't see how things are changing yet. Right now, God, we bring You the thing we've been praying about—something in our life, or our family, or our heart. We give this to You again today. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

(Dismiss kids to Small Groups.)

AUDIO: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

Getting Ready | K3 Large Group

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

APlay

APlay is your all-in-one presentation, preparation, and curriculum ecosystem that saves you time and money. APlay is free with your curriculum subscription! APlay offers powerful tools that build media playlists, compile curriculum documents, auto-update supply lists by child count, cast media to screens, and so much more.

Built to work in harmony with your curriculum, APlay Service Builder allows leaders to drop in, toggle on and off, or customize teaching plans, worship elements, and media assets in seconds. For even more value, upgrade to Amazing+ to unlock the parent app, Parent+.

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (25 minutes)

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God (10 minutes)

1. Opener

What You Need:

- Host

Music and Sound Effects:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Cinematic music to use for the game

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- "Follow the Adventure! Title" Slide

Optional Videos:

- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.

- Download music and/or sound effects on an authorized basis from a resource such as Apple Music®, Amazon Music®, and/or a sound effect library and have it ready to play. Or, if you choose to stream music, refer to the terms and conditions of your streaming service. Note that you will likely need a commercial license in order to stream music publicly. Also confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform music and sound effects in your kids' environments, such as a blanket PERFORMmusic™ license from CCS. *Note: Legally, a song and/or sound effect belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song and/or sound effect.*

2. Worship and Memory Verse

What You Need:

- Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- "Closer" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "King Of My Heart" - available on APlay with Amazing Music

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide

What You Do:

- If you are utilizing the suggested songs from **Amazing Music-**, search for your desired video resource for each song under the Worship section on APlay and add to your service!
- You can access Amazing Music's Dance Motion, Lyric, and Instrumental Videos in APlay under the Worship section.
- Amazing Music Song Trainings are available in Amazing Leaders and FREE on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/@AmazingKidsMusic>
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3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Host
- Bible
- Table
- Bell
- Pre-determined leader to ring the bell
- Leader's favorite snack

Music and Sound Effects:

- Calm music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Theme Slide

Optional Video:

- Theme Loop

Optional Video: (available in APlay)

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (Kindergarten through 3rd grade):

- *StoryLab*: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAM-inspired setting.

For 252 Preteen (4th and 5th grade):

- *The So & So Show*: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a variety show full of humor and biblical truth.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Countdown video

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Supplies:

- Host
- Music and Sound Effects
- Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- Cinematic music to use for the game
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Slide
- "Follow the Adventure! Title" Slide
- Optional Videos
- Theme Loop
- Countdown
- Theme Intro
- Worship Leader(s)
- Music and Sound Effects
- "Closer" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- "King Of My Heart" - available on APlay with Amazing Music
- Large Group Visuals
- Theme Slide
- Memory Verse Slide
- Storyteller
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