

3-5's | W1

Today's Suggested Schedule—June 2026, Week 1

Bible Story: The Story of the Mustard Seed • Matthew 13:31-32
Jesus shows us God's kingdom.

Key Question: Who can be a part of God's kingdom?

Bottom Line: I can be a part of God's kingdom.

Memory Verse: "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." • Matthew 6:10 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.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

Seed to Tree

Tiny Seed, Big Design

Find the Tiny Seed

Large Group (20 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship

Bible Story

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Memory Verse with Motions

Dot to Dot Tree

How Does it Grow?

Four Corner Book Run

Handprint Mustard Tree

Journal and Prayer

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

Memory Verse Card

Parent Cue Card (print or email)

Parent Cue App

***Allergy Alert**



Bible Story

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Memory Verse

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15 min

Social

5 min

Seed to Tree | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

No supplies needed



EveryChild tips

- For children with limited mobility, adapt the movements to be done while seated. "Seed" can be tucking their head down and hugging their knees, and "Tree" can be stretching their arms up high from a chair.
- Provide a visual cue, like holding your hands low to the ground for "Seed" and high in the air for "Tree," to help children who benefit from seeing the action.

Providing time for fun interaction

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather children in an open area with plenty of space to move.

During the Activity: Explain that you will call out either "Seed" or "Tree!" When you say "Seed," everyone should curl up into a tiny ball on the floor. When you say "Tree," everyone should jump up tall and stretch their arms out wide like branches. Start slowly and gradually increase the speed.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad you're here. Come find a spot with lots of space around you. We're going to play a moving game!"

During the Activity: "We're going to pretend to be a tiny seed that grows into a big tree. When I say, 'Seed,' I want you to curl up in a tiny ball, just like this. (*Demonstrate.*) And when I say, 'Tree,' I want you to jump up and stretch your arms way up high and out to the side with big branches, just like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Are you ready? Okay ... Seed! Curl up really tiny into a ball. (*Pause.*) Wow! Great job! You're so tiny! Now ... Tree! Stand up tall and spread your arms really wide like a big, tall tree! (*Pause.*) You've got it! Let's try it faster. Seed! (*Pause.*) Tree! (*Pause.*) Seed! (*Repeat as time and interest allow.*) Wow, you are great at being a tiny seed and a big tree!"




After the Activity: "Our Bible Story today is a special story Jesus told about a tiny seed that grows into a big plant. It helps us understand God's kingdom. Let's go learn about God's kingdom!"

5 min

Dot to Dot Tree | Made to Create

Uses Minimal Supplies

What You Need

	Copy paper	1
	Crayons or washable markers	Several
	"Dot to Dot Tree" Activity Page	1



EveryChild tips

- To support children, connect some lines before they begin (connect the 2-3, then 4-5, then 6-7) so the task does not seem as overwhelming.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Dot to Dot Tree" on copy paper, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Show the children the small dot labeled "1" at the bottom of the page, explaining that it's like our tiny mustard seed. Help them connect the small dots in order to "grow" the seed into something big. After the outline is done, they can color the tree.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's make a picture that reminds us of the story Jesus told! It starts with something tiny and grows into something big."








During the Activity: "Find the number one on your paper. It's a tiny dot, just like the tiny seed in our story! Now, let's draw a line from one to two. (*Assist as needed.*) And now, two to three! Look! Our seed is starting to grow. Let's keep connecting the dots to see how big it gets. (*Continue until the tree is formed.*) You did it! Your tiny seed grew into a big tree! That's just like the story Jesus told. Jesus said God's kingdom starts small but grows big enough for everyone."

After the Activity: "Your pictures look amazing! The tiny seed grew into a big tree with room for everyone, just like God's kingdom. God's kingdom may start small, like a seed, but it grows and grows and grows! God is growing a kingdom that will have a place for all of His people, just like a tree has a place for all the birds. And God loves us so much that He wants all of us to be a part of His kingdom. Every single person! That's a really big kingdom! **Who can be part of God's kingdom? [Bottom Line] I can be part of God's kingdom.**"

5 min

Handprint Mustard Tree | Made to Create

What You Need

 Light blue cardstock	1
 Green washable paint	1
 Paintbrush	1
 Paper plates	1
 Baby wipes	1
 Plastic tablecloth	1
 Optional: Green washable ink pads	Several

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Handprint Mustard Tree" on light blue cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Cover the table with the tablecloth. Pour a small amount of green paint onto the paper plate

During the Activity: One at a time, help each child press their hand into the green paint and then press it onto their paper at the top of the trunk several times, creating the leaves and branches of the tree. Clean hands as needed.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come to the table, friends! We're going to make a beautiful picture of a mustard seed tree to help us remember today's Bible Story."

During the Activity: "Jesus told a story about a tiny mustard seed that grew into a big, big tree! On your paper, you have the trunk of the tree. Let's use your handprints to add the big green branches! (*Gently guide a child's hand to the paint.*) Let's cover your hand in the paint (*paint each child's palm and fingers*). Now, press your hand on your paper right here! (*Help them press and lift.*) Look! You made one of the branches of the tree! Let's paint your hand and press it on your paper again to make more branches to fill your tree. (*Help position the child's hand in different spots on their paper to create a full tree.*) Your handprints show how the tree started small and grew bigger and bigger."

After the Activity: "Look at your amazing handprint trees! You took a small trunk and helped it grow big branches. This beautiful tree can remind you of God's kingdom. God's kingdom may start small, like a seed, but it grows and grows and grows! God is growing a kingdom that will have a place for all of His people. And God wants YOU to be part of His growing kingdom! **[Bottom Line] I can be part of God's kingdom. Who can be part of God's kingdom? [Bottom Line] I can be part of God's kingdom.**"

EveryChild Pro Tip:

For children with sensory sensitivities to paint, offer a paintbrush or a foam sponge for them to use instead of their hand.

5 min

Journal and Prayer | Made to Reflect

What You Need

👥	"Memory Verse Card" from the Home folder	1
👥	Cardstock	1
👥	Bible	1
👥	Journal	1
👥	Fun-shaped pen	1
👥	Scissors	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Matthew 6:10. *Note: Keep this card in your Bible all month long.*

Encourage the children to stretch their arms up high like a tall tree as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down like a small seed and gather the children around you.

During the Activity: Review the Bible Story and the Memory Verse Hand Motions. Ask the children to list small things that can grow into really big things.

After the Activity: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "It's Small Group time! Today, we are going to stretch our arms up high like a tall tree. Let's go! We made it! Now we can sit down like a tiny seed and talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

During the Activity: (Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.)
 "In our Bible Story today, Jesus told a story about a mustard seed. A mustard seed is very tiny, but it grows into a very large plant! Jesus said: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. Someone took the seed and planted it in a field. It is the smallest of seeds. But when it grows, it is the largest of all garden plants. It becomes a tree. Birds come and rest in its branches' (Matthew 13:31-32 NIV).

"God's kingdom may start small—like a seed—but it grows and grows and grows! God is growing a kingdom that will have a place for all of His people, just like a tree has a place for all the birds. And God loves us so much that He wants all of us to be a part of His kingdom. Every single person! That's a really big kingdom!

"The Bible verse we are learning talks about how we can be part of God's kingdom. It says, "Your kingdom come (*point up*), your will be done (*hold hands out, palms up*), on earth (*point down*) as it is in heaven' (*point up*). Matthew 6:10 (*open hands like a book*). Now do what I do and say what I say. 'Your kingdom come (*point up*), your will be done (*hold hands out, palms up*), on earth (*point down*) as it is in heaven' (*point up*). Matthew 6:10 (*open hands like a book*). Great job, everyone! God's kingdom is very special. You can be part of God's Kingdom and **[Bottom Line] I can be part of God's kingdom.**

"Yay! (Clap.) I'm so glad that Jesus loves and cares about everyone everywhere! Let's sit down so we can make a list in our journal of other small things that can grow into big things. A baby grows into a grown-up. What else can you think of? (Write down their answers, such as 'a block can become a big tower,' or 'a crayon scribble can become a big picture.' Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)"

After the Activity: (Hold up the journal.) "These are great ideas! Let's pray. Dear God, thank You for showing us that You can take small things and make them grow into something big like (read each child's answer). Thank You that Your kingdom is growing, and that it has a place for each of us. Help us to remember that we can be part of Your kingdom. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Getting Ready |

3-5's Small Group

GETTING READY

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

Social

1. Seed, Tree

Made to Move

What You Need:

- No supplies needed

2. Tiny Seed, Big Design

Made to Play

What You Need:

- Butcher paper, one per Small Group
- Washable markers, one per child
- Large, flat glass gems, one per child
- Masking tape, one roll per Small Group

What You Do:

- Cover a table with butcher paper and secure it to the table with tape.

3. Find the Tiny Seed

Made to Imagine

What You Need:

- Shallow clear plastic bin, one per Small Group
- Green shredded paper, fake leaves, or Easter grass, several bags per Small Group
- Mustard seed, one per Small Group
- Clear tape, one roll per Small Group

Optional EveryChild Supplies:

- Brightly colored candy sprinkle
- Scoops or tongs

What You Do:

- Secure one mustard seed to the bottom of the bin with clear tape.
- Cover the bottom of the bin with paper, leaves, or Easter grass.

Groups

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

25 minutes

Create a safe place to connect through activities written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Bottom Line introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real-life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or offer two activities at once and allow half the children to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.

1. Memory Verse with Motions

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

Made to Move

What You Need:

- No supplies needed

Optional EveryChild Supplies:

- "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF
- Cardstock
- VELCRO® dots
- Scissors

2. Dot to Dot Tree

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Create

What You Need:

- "Dot to Dot Tree" Activity Page, one per child
- Copy paper, one per child
- Crayons or washable markers, several per child

What You Do:

- Print "Dot to Dot Tree" on copy paper, one per child.
- Write each child's name on their paper.

3. How Does it Grow?

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Think

What You Need:

- "Seed Sequencing" Activity Page, one set per Small Group
- Cardstock, one set per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Seed Sequencing Cards" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.

4. Four Corners Book Run

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move

What You Need:

- Hardcover preschool books about four different subjects (e.g. space, animals, alphabet, preschool Bible), one set per Small Group

What You Do:

- Stand up the four books in different corners or areas of your room in plain sight.

5. Handprint Mustard Tree

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create

What You Need:

- "Handprint Mustard Tree" Activity Page, one per child
- Light blue cardstock, one per child
- Green washable paint, one per Small Group
- Paintbrush, one per Small Group
- Paper plates, one per Small Group

- Baby wipes, one package per Small Group
- Plastic tablecloth, one per Small Group
- *Optional: Green washable ink pads*

What You Do:

- Print "Handprint Mustard Tree" on light blue cardstock, one per child.
- Write each child's name on their paper.
- Cover the table with the tablecloth.
- Pour a small amount of green paint onto the paper plate

6. Journal and Prayer**Pray to God | Prayer Activity***Made to Reflect***What You Need:**

- "Memory Verse Card" from the Home folder, one per Small Group
- Cardstock, one-quarter piece per Small Group
- Bible, one per Small Group
- Journal, one per Small Group
- Fun-shaped pen, one per Small Group
- Scissors, one per Small Group

What You Do:

- Print "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut one per Small Group.
- Place one card in your Bible at Matthew 6:10. *Note: Keep this card in your Bible all month long.*

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's Parent Cue Card.
- Print the Memory Verse Card to hand out or make available to parents.
- Print "Going Home" and hang it on the door where Small Group Leaders can reference and remind parents of the Bottom Line and Memory Verse as parents pick up their children.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource, the **Parent Cue App**.

First Look Pinterest Page

Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies.
bit.ly/FL_KingdomQuest_June

Supplies

Tiny Seed, Big Design | Made to Play Quantity

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| 1. | Butcher paper | 1 |
| 2. | Washable markers | 1 |
| 3. | Large, flat glass gems | 1 |
| 4. | Masking tape | 1 |

Find the Tiny Seed | Made to Explore Quantity

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| 1. | Shallow clear plastic bin | 1 |
| 2. | Green shredded paper, fake leaves, or Easter grass | Several |
| 3. | Mustard seed | 1 |
| 4. | Clear tape | 1 |
| 5. | Optional EveryChild Supplies: Brightly colored candy sprinkle | Several |
| 6. | Optional EveryChild Supplies: Scoops or tongs | Several |

Memory Verse with Motions | Made to Move Quantity *Uses Minimal Supplies*

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| 1. | Optional EveryChild Supplies: "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF | 1 |
| 2. | Optional EveryChild Supplies: Cardstock | 1 |
| 3. | Optional EveryChild Supplies: VELCRO® dots | 1 |
| 4. | Optional EveryChild Supplies: Scissors | 1 |
| 5. | Optional EveryChild Supplies: on Pinterest | 1 |

How Does it Grow? | Made to Think *Uses Minimal Supplies* Quantity

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| 1. | Cardstock | 1 |
| 2. | "How Does It Grow" Activity Page | 1 |

Four Corner Book Run | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies* Quantity

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| 1. | Hardcover preschool books about four different subjects (e.g. space, animals, alphabet, preschool Bible) | Several |
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Handprint Mustard Tree | Made to Create Quantity

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| 1. | Light blue cardstock | 1 |
| 2. | Green washable paint | 1 |
| 3. | Paintbrush | 1 |
| 4. | Paper plates | 1 |
| 5. | Baby wipes | 1 |
| 6. | Plastic tablecloth | 1 |
| 7. | Optional: Green washable ink pads | Several |

Journal and Prayer | Made to Reflect Quantity

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| 6. | Scissors | 1 |

Dot to Dot Tree | Made to Create *Uses Minimal Supplies***Quantity**

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| 1. | Copy paper | 1 |
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| 3. | "Dot to Dot Tree" Activity Page | 1 |