

K-3 | JULY 5TH W1

Elementary Service Flow

Large Group

- Pre-Service Activities
- Opener
- Worship
- Story Time
- Salvation Moment

Small Group Transition

- **K-1st Grade:** Move to K-1st Classroom
- **2nd-3rd Grade:** Stay in Current Classroom

Small Group

- Application Activity #1
- Application Activity #2
- Closer & Prayer



Bible Story

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

Bottom Line

**God's kingdom grows when you
hear and do what He says.**

Monthly Memory Verse:

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

5 min

Pre-service Activities

5 min

PRE-SERVICE ACTIVITIES

What You Need

 Bean Bags

5

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Line kids up on one side of the room.
- Challenge them to try walking from one side of the room to the other while balancing bean bags on their head.
- Once everyone has had a turn, let the kids try again.
- Encourage kids to walk slowly and keep their head very still.
- Cheer for everyone who tries, whether the bean bag stays on their head or falls off.

What You Say:

"That was tough! Great job everyone! Raise your hand if you like stories, (allow the kids to respond) I love stories! Today's Bible Story is a special kind of story called a parable. Jesus told parables to help people learn about God and His kingdom. Today, we're going to hear a story Jesus told to help us understand something very important. Let's go hear it!"

5 min

Large Group Opener

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."

Before we begin let's go over our Fusion Kids CODE! Let's say it together:

1. **BE SAFE**

No running, pushing, or rough play.

2. **BE RESPECTFUL**

Listen when others are talking and raise your hand to share.

3. **HAVE FUN**

Learn, play, worship, and enjoy being together!

Remember: We can't win at #3 unless we're doing #1 and #2!

Great Job Everyone!

"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!'

5 min

Opener

What You Need

 Pool Noodle

2

(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.)

5 min

Worship | God I'm Just Grateful | Elevation Worship & Chandler Moore

5 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

"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!"

Alright everyone- it's time to worship Jesus!

Let's spread out across the room so we have space to move and praise.

Production: turn off one main light and turn on the light tower behind the booth.

Let's lift our voices and give God our best!

"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

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!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEADER: "Romans 14:17!"

KIDS AND LEADER: "Romans 14:17!"

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

5 min

Bible Story

5 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

Large Group Closing

5 min

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

What You Need

No supplies needed

in those good things. It is so good to be a part of God's kingdom because the King is just so good!"

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

What You Say:

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

5 min

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

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."

SALVATION MOMENT & PRAYER

What You Say:

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

Kids, have you ever made a mistake? Maybe you disobeyed your parents, were unkind to a friend, or told a lie.

The Bible calls those things sin. Every one of us has sinned—even grown-ups! Sin separates us from God, and no matter how hard we try, we can't fix that problem on our own.

That's why we need Jesus. Jesus loves us so much that He came to take the punishment for our sins so we could be close to God and have eternal life with Him.

Maybe you've heard about Jesus before, but you've never personally asked Him to be your forever friend. Today, you can make that choice.

If you have never asked Jesus to be your forever friend, and today you want to say 'yes' to Jesus, raise your hand right now."

(Pause and look for raised hands.)

"That's amazing! Let's all pray together. Repeat after me: READ THE ABC PRAYER

SLIDE: ABC

(Dismiss kids to Small Groups.)

SLIDE: Theme

5 min

Application Activity

5 min

Growing Straw Wrappers | Application #1

What You Need

	Plastic tablecloth	1
	Shallow bowl	1
	Water	1
	Drinking straws with paper wrappers	20
	Paper plates	20

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Spread the tablecloth on the floor.
- Fill the bowl with a small amount of water.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a straw that is still in its wrapper and a paper plate.
- Show them how to tear off the top of the wrapper and then scrunch it down the straw like an accordion until it looks like a tiny, crinkled worm.
- Slide the scrunched-up wrapper off the straw, and place it on their plate.
- Show kids how to place their straw into the water and place their finger over the top of the straw to pull water up into the straw. Move the straw with the water over the wrapper, then slowly drip the water—watch as the wrapper absorbs the water and appears to “grow” and straighten out.

What You Say:

"Wow, look at them grow! That little bit of water made a big change. It's kind of like that with what God says in His Word, the Bible. When we let it soak into our hearts, it helps us grow too. We can't see it happening right away, but when we listen to God and do what He says, good things start to grow in our lives. As God grows His fruit in you, the Holy Spirit can work through you to bring God's kingdom to 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! You can live out this good fruit everywhere you go.

"And as you live out that fruit God will grow in you—as you're kind, or loving, or honest—you're saying: 'Hey, look! This kingdom is awesome! The King who reigns over it is kind, loving, and honest—just like I was. He loves you and wants you to follow Him as King and be your friend. 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!'

"When you listen to God and do what He says, God's kingdom grows! **[Bottom Line] God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says."**

5 min

Memory Verse Activity

5 min

Memory Verse Motions | Application #2

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Verse Motions" on cardstock, one per Small Group.

What You Need

-  Bibles marked at Romans 14:17 1
-  Verse motions printed on cardstock 1

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a Bible marked at Romans 14:17.
- Demonstrate how to look up the Memory Verse using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

Finding verses with kindergartners: Guide children to open their Bibles to the marked page. Point to the book name at the top of the page as you say it aloud. Then, guide children to find the big number on the page—this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big number for the little number; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read it aloud. Then, lead everyone to say the verse together.

Finding verses with 1st graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. You can help by pointing out the first few letters of the book's name. When the kids find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page. When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the right chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.

- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Teach the kids simple motions for the Memory Verse.
- "God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking." (Shake head "no.")

- "It is about doing what is right" (Give a big thumbs-up.)
- "and having peace" (Cross hands over heart.)
- "and joy." (Jump up and cheer.)
- "All this comes through the Holy Spirit." (Point up.)
- "Romans 14:17" (Open hands like a book.)
- Practice the Memory Verse with the motions together several times.

What You Say:

"Let's open the Bible to Romans 14:17. (*Open Bible.*) That's where we can find our Memory Verse! Listen as I read: *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).*

"You've got it! This verse reminds us what God's kingdom is all about: doing what is right. God, the King of the kingdom, is loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and He has self-control. As you stay close to Him, He will grow His good fruit in you, and His kingdom will grow. **[Bottom Line] God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says."**

5 min

Prayer

5 min

Pray and Dismiss

What You Need

 Play-Doh®

Several

 Paper plates

20

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a small ball of Play-Doh® and a paper plate.
- Ask them to roll it around in their hands and feel how soft and squishy it is.

- Say, "In our Bible Story today, the good soil was soft and ready for the seeds. We want our hearts to be soft and ready to hear from God, just like this Play-Doh®."
- Ask the kids to shape their Play-Doh® into a heart.
- Hold your Play-Doh® hearts as you pray together.

What You Say:

"Let's talk to God together."

Supplies

PRE-SERVICE ACTIVITIES	Quantity
1. Bean Bags	5

Opener	Quantity
1. Pool Noodle	2

Growing Straw Wrappers Application #1	Quantity
1. Plastic tablecloth	1
2. Shallow bowl	1
3. Water	1
4. Drinking straws with paper wrappers	20
5. Paper plates	20

Memory Verse Motions Application #2	Quantity
1. Bibles marked at Romans 14:17	1

2. Verse motions printed on cardstock	1
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Pray and Dismiss	Quantity
1. Play-Doh®	Several

2. Paper plates	20
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