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# Week 1

## The Story of the Mustard Seed

Matthew 13:31-32

“Hello, friends! I’m [*your name*], and I can’t wait to tell you a true story from the Bible. “Do you have a favorite story? (*Listen.*)

There are so many stories! There are stories about animals and stories about people who explore space. “Did you know that Jesus told stories too? We can read them in the Bible. But the stories Jesus told weren’t about bears or dinosaurs or outer space. Jesus told stories about God’s kingdom. Jesus wanted people to know that God loves them and that God wants good things for them. “So it’s time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story’s all about!



“Today’s true story from the Bible is found in the book of Matthew, and it begins with Jesus. Jesus told a story about a mustard seed. “What do we do with seeds? *(Listen.)* Yes, we plant them! Let’s pretend to plant seeds. First, we need to dig a hole. Can you pretend to dig like this? *(Pretend to dig in dirt with your hands.)* Next, we plant the seeds in the hole and cover them with dirt. Do that with me. *(Pretend to put a seed in the hole and scoop dirt over the seed.)* Now what does the seed need to grow? *(Listen.)* Water! Can you pretend to pour water on your seed? *(Pretend to pour water on the seed.)* Then God sends the sunshine. *(Hold arms in a circle above your head.)* And the seed grows into a tiny green plant that pushes up through the dirt. *(Make a fist to represent a seed. Put your opposite hand in front of the seed to represent the dirt covering it. Then push the “seed” hand above your opposite hand and open your fingers to represent the sprout growing.)*



“Well, the seed that Jesus told a story about was a mustard seed. A mustard seed is (*hold your fingers close together*) very tiny, but it grows into a (*holds your arms out wide*) very large tree! Jesus said:  
‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone plants in the ground.



“Even though it is such a small seed, it grows bigger than all the plants in the garden—it becomes a tree!”



“It becomes such a big tree that birds come and make nests in its branches. “Can you pretend to be birds and fly around the room? (*Encourage children to flap their arms like wings and fly away from you.*) “Hmm, what sounds do birds make? (*Listen.*) Yes, birds chirp and tweet. Now tell me, where do birds build their nests? (*Listen.*) In trees! (*Stand tall and raise your arms like tree branches.*) “Okay, little birds! I’m a big, tall tree. Fly to me! (*Encourage children to fly to you.*) “Now, make yourself really small, like this. (*Crouch down low.*) “God’s kingdom may start small—like a seed—but it grows ... (*Pop up a bit.*) “And grows ... (*Pop up some more.*) “And grows! (*Jump with your arms and legs out wide.*) “Great job, friends! Let’s sit down. “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! “But God’s kingdom isn’t a place we have to travel to. We don’t have to walk there; it isn’t so far away that we have to (*pretend to turn a steering wheel*) drive a car or (*hold arms out like plane wings*) fly a plane to get there. God’s kingdom is where God’s people are. That means God’s kingdom is right where you are ... and it’s all around the world!



“God loves us so much, He sent us His Son, Jesus. And when we follow Jesus, we become a part of God’s kingdom! God’s kingdom gets bigger when more people choose to follow Jesus. And God’s kingdom gets bigger when we do the things Jesus, our King, would do! (*Hold hands parallel and close together.*) “When we’re kind like Jesus, God’s kingdom (*move hands further apart*) grows. When we’re helpful like Jesus, God’s kingdom (*throw arms out wide*) grows some more. Jesus teaches us everything we need to know so you and [*Bottom Line*] I can be a part of God’s kingdom. Who can be a part of God’s kingdom?”

**Everyone:** [*Bottom Line*] “I can be a part of God’s kingdom.”

“Yes, [*Bottom Line*] I can be a part of God’s kingdom.”



**"Your kingdom come**



**your will be done,**



**on earth**



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**Matthew 6:10**

# Prayer Time

**Journal Prompt:** 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.)"

**Quiet Time Leader Prayer:** *(Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.)*

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

**Leader Prayer:** "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."

**SMALL THINGS THAT  
GROW BIG...**

**Journal Free Space**

The background is a vibrant blue space scene. In the top left, a blue comet streaks across the sky. In the top right, several yellow and blue stars of various sizes are scattered. In the bottom left, a bright orange sun with wavy patterns is partially visible. In the bottom right, a yellow and red rocket is launching, leaving a trail of yellow and orange flames and smoke. The overall style is colorful and cartoonish.

## Week 2

The Story of  
the Lost Coin  
Luke 15:1-3, 8-10

“Hello, friends! I’m [*your name*], and I can’t wait to tell you a true story from the Bible. (*Open the Bible for children to see, then set it down.*) “So it’s time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story’s all about! “Today’s true story from the Bible is found in the book of Luke, and it begins with Jesus.”



“Jesus loved teaching people about God. It didn’t matter who the people were, where they lived, or what job they did. Jesus wanted everyone to know that God loved them. “One day, there were some important teachers who thought they knew everything about God. They thought they did what God wanted, but they did not love Jesus. So, they didn’t understand why Jesus spent so much time with people who did wrong things. “And on this day, a lot of people who did wrong things were coming to see Jesus, but Jesus didn’t get (*put hands on hips and make a slightly mad face*) mad at them. (*Wave hands like you are /shooing’ someone away.*) “He didn’t tell them to go away. Jesus knew that God (*cross arms over chest*) loves everyone—no matter what!”



“So, Jesus sat down with the people. He ate a meal with them, and He talked with them about God. “Can you pretend to eat some food? (*Pretend to eat food.*) “Now turn to your neighbor and say: ‘Jesus loves you!’”

**Everyone:** “Jesus loves you!”

“But the important teachers did not like that! They grumbled and complained about who Jesus spent time with. So, Jesus told them a story about a woman.”



“The woman had (*hold up ten fingers*) 10 silver coins, but one day, she lost (*hold up one finger*) one coin. “What would you do if you lost something important to you, like your favorite toy? Would you just forget about it, or would you go looking for it? (*Listen.*) What if you looked under your bed, but it wasn’t there? What would you do then? If what you lost was really, really important to you, then you would keep looking for it. You would look everywhere, right?”

“That’s what this woman did when she lost a coin!”



“Coins are very small, and that makes them very hard to find. But the woman didn’t give up. She lit a lamp so she could see better. She used a broom to sweep and clean the whole house. Let’s pretend to sweep the room and look for the lost coin. Everybody, stand up and sweep like this. *(Pretend to use a broom. Then look around for a coin. Encourage children to join you.)* Oh, I like how you are sweeping. And you are looking so hard for the lost coin! Let’s sit back down and find out what happened next in Jesus’ story. *(Sit back down with the children.)* The woman looked and looked for her lost coin until finally ... she found it! The woman never gave up, and she found her lost coin! Yay!



“The woman was so happy that she called her friends and neighbors together. She said: ‘Be happy with me. I have found my lost coin!’ “I’m going to pretend to be the woman who lost the coin, and I want you to be her friends and neighbors so we can all celebrate together. Ready? (*Take a few steps away from the children.*) (*Really animated.*) “Friends, I found my lost coin! Come celebrate with me. Everybody, say:

‘Hooray!’”

**Everyone:** “Hooray!”

“Oh, I like how you celebrated with me. That’s what happened to the woman in Jesus’ story. She celebrated with her friends because she found her lost coin. “Jesus knew there were a lot of people listening to Him tell this story. He told them that if just one person stopped doing wrong things and started doing what God wanted, then God would be so happy! And all of heaven would be happy too.

“We are so precious to God—like the coin was precious to the woman in the story. God knows we won’t always do what He wants, but He never gives up on us. God loves us so much that God gave us His Son, Jesus! And Jesus shows us how to be God’s friend forever and do what God wants. “God wants everyone to follow Jesus, and when just one person decides to follow Jesus, God is so happy! And when we choose to follow Jesus, you and [Bottom Line] I can be a part of God’s kingdom. Who can be a part of God’s kingdom?”

**Everyone:** [Bottom Line] “I can be a part of God’s kingdom.”

“Yes, [Bottom Line] I can be a part of God’s kingdom.”



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**Matthew 6:10**

# Prayer Time

**Journal Prompt:** “The woman in the story lost something very important to her, her coin. It feels sad when we lose things. Have you ever lost something special? Let’s make a list in our journal of things we have lost. Maybe a toy? Or a shoe? *(Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)* It’s not fun when things are lost. But it’s SO happy when they are found! *(Hold up the journal.)* “Jesus taught us that we are so special to God! Just like the coin was special to the woman, and *[item]* was special to *[child’s name]*, and the *[item]* was special to *[child’s name]*. *(Continue reading the child’s name and the item they lost.)* God wants every single person to be a part of His family. God knows we won’t always do what He wants, but He never gives up on us. God loves us so much that God gave us His Son, Jesus, so we can be part of God’s kingdom forever!”

**Quiet Time Leader Prayer:** *(Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.)*

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

**Leader Prayer:** “Dear God, thank You that we are so important to You. Thank You that Jesus made a way for us to be a part of Your kingdom forever. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

**SOMETHING SPECIAL  
YOU LOST...**

**Journal Free Space**

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## Week 3

The Story of the  
Prodigal Son  
Luke 15:11-32

“Hello, friends! I’m [*your name*], and I can’t wait to tell you a true story from the Bible. So it’s time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story’s all about! Today’s true story from the Bible is found in the book of Luke, and it begins with God’s Son, Jesus! “Can you make the sign for ‘love?’ (*Make the ASL sign for “love” by crossing your arms over your chest.*) God gave us Jesus to show us how much He loves us and who God is. But there were some important teachers who did not like Jesus. They saw Jesus spending time with people who had done wrong things, and they didn’t think He should be doing that. But Jesus wanted EVERYONE to know that God loves them! So Jesus told them story.”



“There was a father who had (*hold up two fingers*) two sons.

The father was saving a lot of money to give to his sons when they were much older. But the younger son wanted the money right now! He didn't want to wait until he was older, so one day he asked his father for the money. The father (*cross arms over chest*) loved his son, (*sadly*) so he (*hold out your hands like you are giving something*) gave him the money.”



“The younger son packed up everything that he had, and he went on a big trip. He travelled far away from home. He used his money to buy whatever he wanted—fancy clothes, fancy food—until one day, the money was all gone! “Everybody, say: ‘Oh, no!’”

**Everyone:** “Oh, no!”



“So, the younger son went to work feeding pigs, and he was so hungry that he wanted to eat the food that the pigs were eating! “Would you want to eat the food a pig is eating? (*Listen.*) No! But the younger son did, because he was that hungry! The younger son thought about his father and all the people who worked for him. His father made sure that they all had plenty to eat! So, the younger son decided to go home. He knew that he had done something wrong, and he wanted to tell his father he was sorry. Let’s stand up and walk in place, like we are the son walking home. (*Walk in place.*) The father saw the younger son coming home, and he was SO happy to see him that he RAN to his son! Oh, let’s run like the father! (*Run in place.*) Good running! Let’s have a seat and find out what happens next in the story Jesus told.”



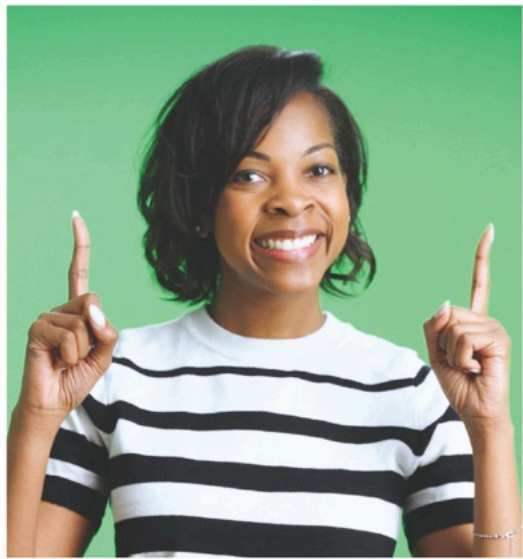
“The father hugged and kissed his younger son. “Can you give yourself a hug? (*Hug yourself.*) “The father really loved the son, and the younger son told his father he was sorry for leaving. The father said: “Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet” “The father was so happy that his younger son was home that he threw a big party to celebrate! “Can you make the biggest happy face ever? (*Make a really big happy face.*) But when the older son found out what was going on, he wasn’t happy. He was really angry! His brother had done wrong things, and the older son didn’t think they should be celebrating him.”



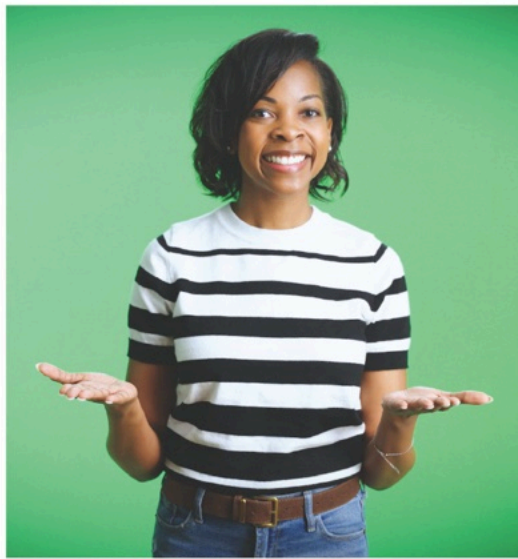
“But the father loved both his sons—no matter what! So, he celebrated that his younger son had come home. Jesus knows that God loves us just like that father loved his sons. God loves us—no matter what! And He wants us to share that love with others because God wants everyone to be a part of His kingdom. [*Bottom Line*] I can be a part of God’s kingdom. Who can be a part of God’s kingdom?”

**Everyone:** [*Bottom Line*] “I can be a part of God’s kingdom.”

“Yes, [*Bottom Line*] I can be a part of God’s kingdom.”



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**Matthew 6:10**

# Prayer Time

**Journal Prompt:** “Jesus knows that God loves us just like that father loved his sons. God loves us all the time, no matter what! God loves us so much, and He wants everyone of us to be part of His kingdom, forever! Let’s make a list in our journal of people God wants in His kingdom. Who can you think of?” *(Remember to print as you write in the journal so children can recognize their names and the letters. Remind children that God wants everyone to be part of His kingdom.)*

**Quiet Time Leader Prayer:** *(Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.)*

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

**Leader Prayer:** Dear God, thank You for loving us no matter what! Thank You for showing us that You want everyone to be part of Your kingdom. Please help [*say names from list*] know that God loves them and wants them to be part of His kingdom. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name,  
Amen.”

**WHO DOES GOD WANT  
IN HIS KINGDOM...**

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## Week 4

# The Stories of the Hidden Treasure and Pearl

Matthew 13:44-46

“Hello, friends! I’m [*your name*], and I can’t wait to tell you a true story from the Bible. So it’s time to turn around (*spin around*) ... sit down (*sit down*) ... shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) ... so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story’s all about! “Today’s true story from the Bible comes from the book of Matthew, and it begins with Jesus.”



“One day, Jesus was teaching His friends, the disciples, about God’s kingdom, and He told a story about someone who found something that was so important that they would do anything to keep it.”



“Jesus told them the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure that was hidden in a field. One day, a man found the treasure, and he was so happy. “Can you show me how happy you would be if you found a hidden treasure? *(Act really excited.)* “Yes! The man wanted the treasure to be his forever! So, he hid the treasure again. “Okay, friends, let’s bury our treasure. *(Pretend to cover your imaginary treasure.)* “Good job! The man hid the treasure, so no one else could find it. “Then he sold everything he had—his favorite book, his favorite chair, even his home! And he bought the whole field just because he wanted the treasure to be his.”



“Then, Jesus told His friends another story. He said the kingdom of heaven is like a person who was looking for pearls. Pearls are tiny stones that are used to make jewelry, but they’re very hard to find, because they grow inside an oyster—an animal that lives at the bottom of the ocean! “The man looked and looked at a lot of pearls, and one day he found a pearl that was more beautiful and more special than every pearl he had ever seen. “Okay, friends, let’s pretend again. I want you to look around for pearls like the man did in the story Jesus told. (*Encourage children to pretend to look for pearls around the room.*) “And then, you find the biggest, most beautiful pearl you have ever seen. Can you show me how surprised and happy you would be? (*Point at your imaginary pearl, and act really surprised and happy.*) “Yes, that’s how the man felt! Come sit down with me, and we will find out what happens next. (*Encourage children to sit down in their original spots.*) “The man wanted that pearl more than anything else in the whole world! It was so important to him that he sold everything he had just so he could buy that one beautiful, valuable pearl.”



“Jesus told these stories because He wanted His friends to know that God’s kingdom was the most important, the most valuable thing there is! Being loved by God and loving Him back is the most important thing we can do. “But God’s kingdom isn’t hidden like the treasure or the pearl in the stories Jesus told. It isn’t hard to find because Jesus shows us exactly who God is and how to live in God’s kingdom. And when we follow Jesus, you and [*Bottom Line*] I can be a part of God’s kingdom. Who can be a part of God’s kingdom?”

**Everyone:** [*Bottom Line*] “I can be a part of God’s kingdom.”

“Yes, [*Bottom Line*] I can be a part of God’s kingdom.”



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**Matthew 6:10**

# Prayer Time

**Journal Prompt:** Jesus taught us that God's kingdom is most special! God's kingdom isn't hidden like the treasure or the pearl in the stories. It isn't hard to find because Jesus shows us exactly who God is and how to live in God's kingdom. And when we follow Jesus, you and I can be a part of God's kingdom. Let's make a list in our journal of special things. What can you think of?

*(Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

**Quiet Time Leader Prayer:** *(Play instrumental worship music here if wanted. Try to work up to 2 minutes by starting with 30 seconds the first few weeks.)*

Holy Spirit what are you saying to us, we are listening. Speak to us.

**Leader Prayer:** "Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus so we can be part of Your kingdom forever. Thank You for giving us special things like [say the special things from the list]. Thank You for showing us that Your kingdom is the most special, most important treasure. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."

WHAT ARE SOME  
SPECIAL THINGS...

Journal Free Space