

## Today's Suggested Schedule—June 7, 2026

**Bible Story:** What Is God's Kingdom? The Stories of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast •  
*Matthew 13:31-34*

**Bottom Line:** Jesus shows us God's kingdom.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *"May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven."* • Matthew 6:10 NIV

**Check out our Pinterest page here <https://bit.ly/447HSZi> for a visual on some of the activities.**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### **OPENING SMALL GROUP (20 minutes)**

**SOCIAL:** Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Early Arriver /

Opening Activity

### **LARGE GROUP (30-35 minutes)**

**WORSHIP:** Inviting People to Respond to God

**STORY:** Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

- Introduce Monthly Theme Poster
- Review Monthly Memory Verse Poster
- Review Weekly Bottom Line Poster
- Teaching (Video)
- Review Weekly Bottom Line Poster

### **SMALL GROUP (25-30 minutes)**

**GROUPS:** Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Reinforcement Activity

Prayer Journal

## **TAKE HOME**

Devotional Page

## **Social**

### **Opening Activity**

### **Made to Create**

#### **What You Need:**

- “Paper Parable” Activity Page
- Paper
- Coloring supplies
- Optional: Plain paper folded in quarters instead of “Paper Parable” Activity Page*

#### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:*

- Print “Paper Parable” on paper, one per kid.

*During the Activity:*

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Tell the kids they get to be storytellers and create their very own storybook!
- Give each kid a “Paper Parable” Activity Page, and encourage them to draw a picture on the front for the cover and then open their book to the different pages and draw their story.
- As they work, ask them about their drawings. You can ask, “Can you tell me the story you’re drawing?”

#### **What You Say:**

“Wow, you are all such wonderful storytellers! I love the story you drew about your [family or pet or the big red ball]. You are great at making stories! Did you know that Jesus loved to tell stories too? When Jesus taught, He often used stories called *parables*. A parable is a short story using everyday objects and situations to help explain something about God and His kingdom. Jesus would tell stories using things like flour, and seeds, and things people recognized from their everyday lives! Let’s go hear one of the stories Jesus told. Come on!”

## **LARGE GROUP**

**What You Need:** TV, Pre-Loaded Video Content

**What You Do:**

1. Introduce/Remind kids about the
  - a. Monthly Theme
  - b. Monthly Memory Verse
  - c. Today's Bottom Line
2. Play Worship Songs
3. Allow kids to grab a snack
4. Play Teaching Video
5. Review Today's Bottom Line

**Lead your group to the Small Group activity.**

## Groups

### 1. Take a Snapshot

#### Live for God | Application Activity

#### Made to Explore

#### What You Need:

- Plastic tablecloth
- Plastic tray or tub
- Empty 20-ounce or larger plastic bottle
- Small plastic cup
- Hydrogen peroxide (6% from a beauty supply store works best and is safer)
- Bottle of dish soap
- Bottle of food coloring
- Active dry yeast
- Warm water
- Measuring cup
- Measuring spoon

#### What You Do:

##### *Before the Activity:*

- Spread out the tablecloth.
- Place the tray/tub in the middle of the tablecloth, and place the plastic bottle on the tray/tub.

##### *During the Activity:*

- Carefully pour the hydrogen peroxide into the plastic bottle.
- Add a generous squirt of dish soap and a few drops of food coloring. Swirl gently.
- In the separate, small plastic cup, mix the yeast with the warm water for about 30 seconds.
- Now for the fun part! Quickly pour the yeast mixture into the plastic bottle and stand back. A huge, warm foam (elephant toothpaste!) will erupt from the bottle.
- **Safety Note:** A leader should handle all the ingredients, especially the hydrogen peroxide. The resulting foam is safe to touch.

#### What You Say:

“Whoa! That was a huge reaction from just a tiny bit of yeast, right? Jesus told a parable or story about yeast. He said a woman mixed just a little bit into a huge amount of flour, and it worked its way all through the dough. Jesus was using yeast to teach the people listening—and us—about God’s kingdom! God’s kingdom might be small, like yeast, but it was going to grow and grow! **[Bottom Line]** **Jesus shows us God’s kingdom.**

“God’s kingdom grows when more and more people follow Jesus as King. As a follower of Jesus, you are a part of God’s kingdom—but you don’t have to grow it. That’s God’s job. But you can point to it! When you forgive someone for breaking your game controller, you’re pointing to Jesus and saying, ‘Hey, the King of this kingdom is forgiving, like this.’ When you speak the truth when it would be easier to be dishonest, you’re pointing to Jesus and saying, ‘Hey, the King of this kingdom is honest, like this.’ And maybe the person you’re interacting with will ask why you’re different. And you can tell them that Jesus, the King, loves them too and wants to start a friendship that lasts forever. You can point to Jesus, the King!

“Even if the person you point to Jesus doesn’t choose to follow Him as King, you’re still pointing to the God who is in the business of doing big things. You might be a step in their journey of learning about Jesus. Just be faithful to point to the King, and leave the results to Him. He is working, even if you can’t see it!”

## **2. Discussion Questions**

**Talk about God | Bible Story Review**  
**Made to Connect**

### **What You Need:**

- No supplies needed

### **What You Do:**

- Ask these questions and discuss:
  - What is God's kingdom?
  - Why do you think Jesus used ordinary things to explain God's kingdom?
  - How does faith grow even when we don't see it?
  - What's one small thing you can do that might have a big impact?

### 3. Pray and Dismiss Pray to God | Prayer Activity Made to Reflect

*\*Uses Minimal Supplies\**

#### What You Need:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Coloring supplies
- Clear tape

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:*

- Cut paper into one-inch to two-inch wide strips, one per kid.

*During the Activity:*

- Give each kid a strip of paper and ask them to write or draw one way they can show God's love.
- Take one kid's strip, form it into a circle, and tape it closed.
- Take the next kid's strip and loop it through the first circle before taping it, starting a chain.
- Continue adding each kid's strip to create a long paper prayer chain.

#### What You Say:

"Look how our small circles are making one big, long chain! Our prayers are like this. Each one is small, but when we pray together, they make something big and beautiful. Our Kingdom Quest is to push back the darkness and bring the light of God's love wherever we go, always relying on God's Holy Spirit to guide us. Not only do we get to share God's story, but we get to live it out, every day of our lives. We can live it out and share God's love at school, at the park, and in our neighborhood. We can do small things every single day to point to God's kingdom wherever we go. Let's pray and ask God to help us share His love this week."

#### Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You that Jesus shows us God's kingdom. Help us to point to Your kingdom this week wherever we go. May Your kingdom come. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

*As adults arrive to pick up, give each kid a copy of the weekly devotional page.*