

# SUMMER seminars

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## Kids Summer 2026 Leader Guide



**July 8-** How do we honor God in our relationships with others?

*Bible-* Matthew 5-7- Jesus' kingdom is upside down. It goes from rules to relationships!

*Video-* "Sermon on the Mount"

### Leader QR Codes-



ASK Leader



Leader Devos



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### Summer Seminar Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM

Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM

Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM

Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM

Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM

## Family Talk

### What to Do:

As you gather everyone to eat, discuss these questions together. If one question takes the whole time, that is great. Your group has a great dynamic and feels comfortable talking to you and the group.

### TALK ABOUT IT:

- What has been your favorite thing you've done so far this summer?
- If you could have the ultimate summer day, what would you do from morning to night?
- Would you rather go to the beach, a pool, or a splash pad? Why?
- What is something new or silly you've tried this summer?

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### Social Game

**Supplies:** Small prizes at least 1 per kid

**Set Up:** Have kids form 2 lines.

**What to Do:**

Alternating between lines, ask kids to step forward one at a time to get a treat. Randomly ask some of the kids to do something to get the treat, such as sing a song or do jumping jacks. Other times, just give the treat freely. Be sure not to do the same thing for each line; change it up so kids don't know what to expect. After everyone has had a turn, have kids sit down.

**ASK:** What was this experience like for you? What was it like when you had to work for your treat? What are some things people do to make their friends work for the treat of their friendship- instead of just giving friendship?

**SAY:** It might seem strange to set up conditions for friendship, but we sometimes do this to one another. I have another toy to share. This time, though, you don't have to do anything at all to get it. *Give each kid a small toy.*

**ASK:** Explain why you think we sometimes put conditions on giving our love or friendship. Describe the conditions, if any, you think God puts on his love for us.

**SAY:** Today we're going to discover what the Bible says about Jesus' kingdom.

### Video

**What to Do:** We are going to watch a video now from a part of the Bible called the Sermon on the Mount. It is found in the Book of Matthew chapters 5-7. In this part of the Bible, Jesus is talking to a big crowd and helping them learn about what it looks like to Love God and Love People. This was different from what most people taught at the time. Let's watch and see what this means.

**PLAY:** "The Sermon on the Mount"

**SAY:** Can you imagine Jesus' kingdom? A place where the least are treated like the most. A place where others come first? A place where we love our enemies as much as our friends? Did you know that is possible here, now? When you believe in Jesus, you are a "New Creation" The Holy Spirit helps guide to live differently all because we choose Jesus.

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### Activity

#### Would You Rather (20 minutes)

**Supplies:** painter's tape, colorful duct tape, Would You Rather Game Questions (1 per group)

**Set Up:** Have kids help you use colorful duct tape (red works great!) to mark out letters "A" and "B" somewhere on your group space floor. Next use painter's tape to mark out large squares around each of the duct tape letters.

**What to Do:** We're going to play "Would You Rather...". I'm going to read off a couple of choices, and you decide which choice you'd prefer. Once you decide, crowd into the square on the floor that represents your preferred choice. Ready? Here we go.

*Using the "Would You Rather Game Questions" Allow kids to move into their preferred boxes.*

*When appropriate, ask why they made their choices.*

**SAY:** These were silly decisions to make, but life is filled with really important decisions.

**ASK:** What are some tough decisions kids have to make that can effect your friendships? Why is it important to make wise choices? What kind of choices can you make to have healthy friendships?

**SAY:** Our choices matter! That's why Jesus teaches people in the Bible to turn it upside down.

Following Jesus changes our hearts for good, and to shapes our actions that shows that we follow Jesus. We are going to take a few minutes to pray and ask God to help us build relationships that honor Him.

**PRAY:** *Dear God, thanks for listening to us, and thanks for teaching us and changing our hearts.*

*We want to tell you we're sorry for the times we do things that don't show others we follow you.*

*Please forgive us for those times. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## Color Page

**What to Do:** Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. **Say:** Jesus' kingdom is upside down. It goes from rules to relationship. We can show love to everyone, because of Jesus.

Allow time for kids to color.