

# WSC LG K-3 | W1

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2026, Week 1

**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

## KINGDOM QUEST TIME TABLE

**Kids arrival:** 9:25 AM / 11:10 AM

- Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

**Countdown:** 9:30 AM / 11:15 AM

- Start the countdown with excitement!

**Large Group:** 9:30–9:55 AM / 11:15–11:40 AM

- Opener
- Worship
- Bible Story
- Bottom Line
- Memory Verse
- Treasure Talk
- Prayer
- Craft Explanation

**Kingdom Challenge Checkpoint**

- Remind the kids to complete all the activities on their Challenge Card during the week and bring the completed card back the following Sunday.

**Transition to Craft Tables:** 9:55–10:00 AM / 11:40–11:45 AM

- Kids move to the craft area with their leaders.

**Craft Time:** 10:00–10:20 AM / 11:45 AM–12:05 PM

- Encourage kids to have fun while completing their craft.
- Make sure all craft supplies are cleaned up when they are finished.

**Closing Worship & Pick-Up:** 10:20–10:25 AM / 12:05–12:10 PM

- Kids return to the center area when they finish their craft.
- Worship together as one group.
- Leaders help supervise kids until parents arrive for pick-up.



### Bible Story

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

### Bottom Line

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### Monthly Memory Verse

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# Kids Arrival

## Countdown

### What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

# Large Group

5 min

## Opener

### What You Need

No supplies needed

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive.

**SLIDE: Theme**

**AUDIO: Play high-energy music as kids enter**

**SLIDE: Countdown 30 seconds**

Setting the Tone for the Experience

**SLIDE: Theme**

### OPENER

**HOST:** "Hey, everybody! Welcome to [Environment Name]! Can you believe we're already this far into summer break? We've got long days, sunshine, swimming, popsicles, and late bedtimes. I'm so glad you're spending part of your summer right here with us!

"Is it just me, or does everything feel a little sillier and more exciting in summertime? Well, I'm going to need you ALL to bring some of that summer excitement today!

"This summer, we've been learning all about the stories Jesus told that help us understand God's kingdom. 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.

"The full name of our series this month is 'Kingdom Quest—Living the Greatest Adventure.' We're going to be talking more about that very soon!

"But before we jump into today's Bible Story about God's kingdom, we'll sing worship songs with all our hearts!

## Worship

### What You Need

No supplies needed

## Bible Story

### What You Need

No supplies needed

## Bottom Line

### What You Need

No supplies needed

**SLIDE: Roll with you**

**SLIDE: My Everything**

**SLIDE: Bible Story W1**

**STORYTELLER:** "Jesus didn't tell this story just to talk about farming or seeds or soil. He told it because He wanted people to think about their hearts. Each kind of soil shows a different way people respond when they hear God's words.

"Some people hear God's words, but their hearts are hard, like the packed path. The seed never sinks in. Some people get excited at first, but they don't stick with it when life gets hard—that's like the rocky soil. Some people start growing, but worries and distractions crowd out what God is doing, like the thorns.

"But then, Jesus talked about the good soil. These are people with hearts open to God and His words—people who listen, understand, and choose to follow Him. Those people grow strong, and God produces fruit in their lives—fruit that looks like love, peace, joy, kindness, and so much more.

"Jesus wanted the whole crowd to hear this story and ask themselves, 'What kind of soil is my heart?' Because God's truth can grow in anyone who is willing to hear it ... and do what it says.

"And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about! Let's take a look at it together.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line]** "God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says. Can you say that with me?"

*(Host enters and joins in.)*

**KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: [Bottom Line]** "God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says."

## Memory Verse

### What You Need

No supplies needed

## Treasure Talk

### What You Need

No supplies needed

### **SLIDE: Memory Verse**

"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.

### **SLIDE: Treasure Talk!!!**

Treasure Talk Instructions:

- In the treasure box, there will be 5 hidden questions.
- Pick one child at a time and encourage the child to find a coin with a number on it.
- The leader reads the question that matches the number on the coin.
- Wait for the kids to answer together.
- Please reread the answer so the kids can clearly understand it.

Treasure Talk Questions:

#### 1. **What did the farmer plant in Jesus' story?**

*Answer:* Seeds.

#### 2. **What are the four kinds of soil Jesus talked about?**

*Possible answers:* The path, rocky soil, thorny soil, and good soil.

#### 3. **What does the seed represent?**

*Answer:* God's Word (or Jesus' teaching about God's kingdom).

#### 4. **Which kind of soil do you want your heart to be? Why?**

*Possible answers:* Good soil, so God's Word can grow in my life and help me follow Jesus.

## Prayer

### What You Need

No supplies needed

## Craft Explanation

### What You Need

No supplies needed

# Kingdom Challenge Checkpoint

## Transition to Craft Tables

### 5. What is one way you can be "good soil" this week?

*Examples:*

- Listen carefully during Bible time.
- Pray every day.
- Obey my parents.
- Be kind to a friend.
- Do what Jesus teaches.

"Dear God, thank You for telling this story. Help us to be like the good soil. We want to listen to what You say. When our hearts feel hard, please soften them. When we feel shallow or distracted, give us strength and focus. When worries or other things try to crowd You out, clear them away. Grow the fruit of Your Spirit in us—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and all the good things that come from You. Let Your kingdom grow in our lives every single day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

### **SLIDE: August W1 Crafts**

Please explain the Week 1 craft details for K-G1 and G2-G

### **SLIDE: Kingdom Challenge**

"Alright Kingdom Quest explorers!

Today, you will receive your **Kingdom Challenge card** based on the Bible story you heard in Large Group.

This is your challenge to complete at home during the week with your family.

After you complete your challenge, ask your parent to sign your card. Next time you come back, bring your signed card with you and attach it to the **Kingdom Wall** before you enter the Temple.

This is how we complete our Kingdom Quest together—by living out God's Word at home and celebrating it as a church family!"

Kids move to the craft tables.

# Craft Time

# Closing Worship & Pick-up

## **SLIDE: August W1 Crafts**

- Kindergarten–Grade 1: Left side of the Temple
- Grades 2–4: Right side of the Temple
- Encourage kids to have fun while completing their craft.
- Make sure all craft supplies are cleaned up when they are finished.

## **SLIDE: OVER & OVER AGAIN!**

## **SLIDE: MY EVERYTHING**

- Kids return to the center area when they finish their craft.
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