



WEEK
THREE
JULY 2026

LARGE
GROUP
PRETEEN

Bible Story: The Story of the Lost Son • Luke 15:11-32

Bottom Line: God wants everyone to be part of His kingdom.

Conversation Starter: What is the requirement to be in 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

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Optional Video: Countdown

Optional Video: Theme Loop

OPENER

HOST: "Welcome back to Kingdom Quest, everyone! I'm so glad you're here! We've been learning about God's kingdom all month long, and the full title of our series this month is 'Kingdom Quest—Seeking the Greatest Treasure.'

"So, 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! God wants to spread His good kingdom everywhere! We will learn more about that soon!

Alright Kingdom Quest explorers!

This month, many of you started your the Kingdom Quest Challenges! If you brought your signed Challenge card today, give it to one of your leaders and you will get one Kingdom coin! You will receive another Kingdom Challenge card today!

Each week, you can collect one Kingdom coin—so over the summer, you will collect 8 coins just from completing your weekly challenge cards. If you forgot your card or didn't get a chance to complete it, that's okay! You still have another opportunity this week with a new Kingdom Quest Challenge.

Remember at the very last week of August, you will also collect 8 more coins from different stations you will visit.

Who is ready for this week's Kingdom Quest Challenge!



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HOST: “Go ahead and stand up! We’re jumping straight into worship”

WORSHIP

HOST: “When we sing, we’re not just making noise. We’re choosing to remember who Jesus is and what He’s done for us.

VIDEO: “(Lyric Video)”

“Let’s go ahead and sit down and hear our true story from the Bible today!”

VIDEO: Bible Story W3

AFTER BIBLE STORY

HOST: “Today’s Bible Story shows us something huge about God. Whether someone runs away like the younger son or stands on the outside like the older son, our heavenly Father moves toward both of them. He doesn’t wait for them to fix everything or earn their way back. He goes out to meet them because His heart is for people to come home. That’s who God is—a Father who welcomes, restores, and celebrates.

And that’s what our Bottom Line today is all about.

[Bottom Line] “God wants everyone to be part of His kingdom. Say that with me!”

HOST AND KIDS:[Bottom Line] “God wants everyone to be part of His kingdom.”

HOST: “Nice! Before we start our crafts, I want to leave you with one last question to think about.

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] “What is the requirement to be in God’s kingdom?”

“In the story Jesus told, there were two sons who couldn’t have been more different. One ran away and made a huge mess. The other stayed close but still didn’t understand his father’s heart. And yet the father went out to both of them. He didn’t wait for perfect behavior. He didn’t wait for the right words. He didn’t wait for them to earn anything. He simply invited them home.



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“A lot of us grow up thinking we have to check certain boxes or achieve certain things before God will want us. But Jesus’ story pushes us to rethink that. It raises a real, honest question: What actually makes someone part of God’s kingdom? Is it being good enough? Is it getting everything right? Is it never messing up? Or ... is it something else entirely?”

“The reality is, God comes to us. Will we receive His grace and love? Because if we do, He will change us from the inside out.

“As you talk at your tables today, talk about it. Share what you really think. Listen to each other. Ask questions. This is the kind of conversation where God can show you something new.”

PRAYER

HOST: “Let’s pray together, friends.

“God, thank You for showing us what Your heart is really like. Thank You for being the kind of Savior who runs toward us when we’re far away and invites us close when we feel like we don’t belong. Thank You for making a way for us to be part of God’s kingdom, not because we earned it, but because You love us. Help us trust that there is always a place for us at Your table. Help us see others the way You do. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

SLIDE: JULY WEEK 3 CRAFT

SLIDE: JULY COLLIDE CRAFT INSTRUCTIONS W3

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