

Monthly Overview

Week	Bible Story	Bottom Line	Conversation Starter
1	The Story of the Farmer Matthew 13:1-23	God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says.	What are you going to do with what you've heard?
2	The Parable of the Bags of Gold Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)	God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you.	What has God given you?
3	The Servant Who Had No Mercy Matthew 18:21-35	God's kingdom grows when you forgive.	What and who do you need to forgive?
4	The Story of the Persistent Widow Luke 18:1-8	God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up	What do you need to keep doing?

Core Insight

**God's Character/
Compassion**

"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

MEMORY VERSE

Weekly Summaries

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1	The Story of the Farmer	This week follows The Story of the Farmer in Matthew 13:1-23. Kids will discover that they can be “good soil” for God’s Word when they stay connected to God instead of becoming distracted or giving up when life gets hard. [BOTTOM LINE] <u>God’s kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says.</u>
2	The Parable of the Bags of Gold	Through this story, Jesus challenges His followers to be good stewards of the gifts that God has given us. Kids will discover that they can use everything, from their stuff to their time to their talents, to help grow God’s kingdom. [BOTTOM LINE] <u>God’s kingdom grows when you use what He’s given you.</u>
3	The Servant Who Had No Mercy	Like the king in this parable, God has forgiven each one of us of a huge debt—one created by our sins. And because we’ve been forgiven, we are called to pass that forgiveness to the people who have wronged us. [BOTTOM LINE] <u>God’s kingdom grows when you forgive.</u>
4	The Story of the Persistent Widow	Like the persistent woman in this story, kids are called to keep asking God for what they need and to stay connected to Him—even when they don’t get the answer they want right away. God wants to hear our hearts and invites us to share them with Him. [BOTTOM LINE] <u>God’s kingdom grows when you pray and don’t give up.</u>