

First Look | June 7

**Today's Bible Story:** The Story of the Mustard Seed • Matthew 13:31-32  
Jesus shows us God's Kingdom.

**Key Question:** Who can be part of God's kingdom?

**Bottom Line:** I can be part of God's kingdom.

**Memory Verse:** "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."  
• Matthew 6:10 NIV

### 1. Video on Jellyfin

Lead the children in worship to one song and then watch today's video lesson.

### 2. Pray

Let's open up today in prayer. Dear God, thank You for showing us that You can take small things and make them grow into something big. Thank You that Your kingdom is growing, and that it has a place for each of us. Help us to remember that we can be part of Your kingdom. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, Amen."

### 3. Dot to Dot Tree

#### What You Need:

- "Dot to Dot Tree" Activity Page
- Copy paper
- Crayons or washable markers

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Print "Dot to Dot Tree" on copy paper, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

*During the Activity:* Show the children the small dot labeled "1" at the bottom of the page, explaining that it's like our tiny mustard seed. Help them connect the small dots in order to "grow" the seed into something big. After the outline is done, they can color the tree.

*After the Activity:* Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

#### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Let's make a picture that reminds us of the story Jesus told! It starts with something tiny and grows into something big."

*During the Activity:* "Find the number one on your paper. It's a tiny dot, just like the tiny seed in our story! Now, let's draw a line from one to two. (*Assist as needed.*) And now, two to three! Look! Our seed is starting to grow. Let's keep connecting the dots to see how big it gets. (*Continue until the tree is formed.*) You did it! Your tiny seed grew into a big tree! That's just like the story Jesus told. Jesus said God's kingdom starts small but grows big enough for everyone."

*After the Activity:* “Your pictures look amazing! The tiny seed grew into a big tree with room for everyone, just like God’s kingdom. God’s kingdom may start small, like a seed, but it grows and grows and grows! God is growing a kingdom that will have a place for all of His people, just like a tree has a place for all the birds. And God loves us so much that He wants all of us to be a part of His kingdom. Every single person! That’s a really big kingdom! **Who can be part of God’s kingdom? [Bottom Line] I can be part of God’s kingdom.**”

***EveryChild Pro-Tips:***

- To support children, connect some lines before they begin (connect the 2-3, then 4-5, then 6-7) so the task does not seem as overwhelming.

