



WEEK 1 | July 5, 2026

Today's Bible Story: The Story of the Farmer • Matthew 13:1-23

God's kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says.

Key Question: Who teaches you about God's kingdom?

Bottom Line: Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom.

Memory Verse: "Put God's kingdom first." • Matthew 6:33 NIV

SOCIAL: Time to have fun!

ACTIVITY: Farmer's Field Fun

What You Need: "Farmer's Field Fun" Activity Page printed on cardstock, Cube tissue box, Clear packing tape

What You Do: Print "Farmer's Field Fun" on cardstock and cut, one set per group. Tape one picture to each side of your cube tissue box.

What You Say: "We're going to pretend to be in a farmer's field, just like the one in the story we will hear today! [Child's name], you roll first! (*Child rolls.*) It's a bunny! Let's all hop like a bunny! Hop, hop, hop! Good hopping! Okay, [Next Child's name], your turn! (*Rolls.*) A bird! Let's flap our wings and fly! *Flap, flap!* Okay, [Next Child's name], your turn! (*Rolls.*) A watering can! Let's pretend to water our plants. Pour the watering can, great job! Okay, [Next Child's name], your turn! (*Rolls.*) A shovel! Let's dig a hole in the ground so we can plant a seed. Dig, Dig, Dig! Okay, [Next Child's name], your turn! (*Rolls.*) The sun! Let's shine like the sun in the sky so our plants can grow! Okay, [Next Child's name], your turn! (*Rolls.*) A flower! Let's crouch down low and grow like a flower. Now, grow, grow, grow! That was fun pretending to be on a farm! Our Bible Story today is a story Jesus told about a farmer planting seeds."

Large Group: Time to Praise & Worship God!

Memory Verse: Review the Memory Verse

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God.

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways.

SMALL GROUP: Time to connect with the children. PRAYER: Praise and Thank God!

CRAFT: Garden Crown



What You Need: “Garden Crown Label”

Activity Page printed on Avery Labels #5160 or equivalent, Green *optional grass pattern* bulletin board border (one strip per child), Flower stickers, Stapler, Tape, Permanent marker

What You Do: Print “Garden Crown Labels” on label paper, one label per child.

What You Say: “Our story says that seeds in good soil grow beautiful plants. Here is your grassy crown. Let’s make beautiful things grow in our good soil! Add lots of flower stickers. (*Allow time to decorate.*) Your crowns look like a beautiful garden! Now let’s add our special Memory Verse sticker to remember to put God’s kingdom first. (*Help add label.*) Let me make it into crown for you. (*Staple ends together and cover the staple closures with tape.*) Now you can wear it! They remind us that when we listen to Jesus, and do what He says, God’s kingdom grows! **Who teaches you about God’s kingdom? [Bottom Line] Jesus teaches me about God’s kingdom.**”

ACTIVITY: Story Seeds

What You Need: “Story Seeds” Activity Page printed on cardstock, Brown Pom-poms, Basket, Spring-loaded clothespins

What You Do: Print “Story Seed” on cardstock, one set per group. Place the story mats on the floor, spread apart.

What You Say: “Let’s act out the story Jesus told about the farmer! These pom-poms are

our seeds, and these pictures show where they landed. First, Jesus said some seeds fell on the hard path! (*Point to the path mat.*) Let’s toss some seeds there! (*Let children toss pom-poms to the hard path mat.*) Oh no! The birds came and ate them! Gobble, gobble! (*Use the clothespin as your bird to “eat” the pom-poms by pinching them up in the clothespins.*) Then, some seeds fell on the rocks! (*Point to the rocks mat.*) Let’s toss some seeds there. (*Let children toss pom-poms to the rock mat.*) They started to grow, but it got too hot and there was no water. (*Pretend to be a hot sun.*) Some seeds fell in the thorns! Let’s toss seeds there. (*Let children toss pom-poms to the thorny mat.*) The thorns grew bigger and the plants could not grow. But some seeds fell on the GOOD SOIL! Let’s toss lots of seeds here! (*Let children toss pom-poms to the good soil mat.*) These seeds grew into big, strong, healthy plants! Hooray! In the story Jesus told, Jesus said we want our hearts to be like the good soil. When we hear and DO what Jesus says, God’s kingdom grows. When we love like Jesus, God’s kingdom grows. When we share our toys, God’s kingdom grows. When we say kind words to our friends, God’s kingdom grows. **[Bottom Line] Jesus teaches me about God’s kingdom. Who teaches you about God’s kingdom? [Bottom Line] Jesus teaches me about God’s kingdom.**”