



K-5TH GRADE PRODUCTION



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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 NlrV

<p>8:45/10:45/12:30</p>	<p>PC (HOST) takes the stage; encourages kids to begin clean up; hypes kids for Large Group</p>
<p>9:15/11:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gives cue to Tech to begin 30 second monthly countdown ■ ½ House Lights Remain UP until end of Bust Out
<p>8:48/10:48/12:33 9:18/11:03</p>	<p>SFX: 30 Second Countdown Bustout – Hope is Alive</p>
<p>8:51/10:51/12:36 9:21/11:18</p>	<p>Welcome & Announcements Boo-YAH!! PRAY</p>
<p>8:55/10:55/12:40 9:25/11:10</p>	<p>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!</p> <p>“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!</p> <p>“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.</p> <p>“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!</p> <p>“But before we jump into today’s Bible Story about God’s kingdom, we’ve got a game. And not just any game. It’s quick. It’s a little crazy. And it’s SILENT!</p> <p>SLIDE: Silent Line Up! Title</p> <p>“Welcome to ‘Silent Line Up!’ In a minute, we’re going to split you into groups of ten people. You will all get a challenge, and your job is to line up in the correct order.</p>

“But here’s the twist ... You’re not allowed to talk. AT. ALL.

“That’s right! Only hand motions, pointing, dramatic gestures ... maybe even interpretive dance if you need it. But zero talking.

“Leaders, help everyone get into groups of ten. Spread out a bit so you have room to move.

(Leaders help kids split up into groups of ten—the number of kids in each group can be less depending on how many kids you have.)

ROUND 1

“All right, your first challenge is to line up by your birthday month—January to December.

“Remember, no speaking! Ready? GO!

(Start one-minute timer.)

AUDIO: Upbeat music

“Nice! I’m seeing some teamwork happening! Look at that communication!

(Kids work to line up in the correct order until the one-minute timer is up.)

“And ... FREEZE!

(Walk around the room, and see how many groups lined up in the correct order.)

ROUND 2

“Great job! Let’s do another one! Challenge number two: line up from shortest to tallest, silently!

“Here we go! 3 ... 2 ... 1 ... GO!

(Start one-minute timer.)

AUDIO: Upbeat music

“Whoa, some groups are moving quickly! I see some expert height-measuring happening!

(Kids work to line up in the correct order until the one-minute timer is up.)

“And ... FREEZE!

(Walk around the room, and see how many groups lined up in the correct order.)

ROUND 3

“Awesome! Okay, now let’s see how fast you guys can move!

“Line up by the first letter of your name from A to Z. No talking, but get creative!

	<p>“Everyone ready? 3 ... 2 ... 1 ... GO!</p> <p><i>(Start one-minute timer.)</i></p> <p>AUDIO: <i>Upbeat music</i></p> <p>“Oh wow, I see some invisible letters being drawn in the air!</p> <p><i>(Kids work to line up in the correct order until the one-minute timer is up.)</i></p> <p>“And ... FREEZE!</p> <p><i>(Walk around the room, and see how many groups lined up in the correct order.)</i></p> <p><i>(As time allows, continue with more rounds—kids could line up by shoe size, number of siblings, favorite season, how many pets they have, etc.)</i></p> <p>“That was so much fun! You can take your seats!</p> <p>“Now it’s time to check out our Bottom Line for today. If you walk away with one thing today, walk away with this. Let’s see what it says!</p> <p>SLIDE: <i>Bottom Line</i></p> <p>[Bottom Line] “God’s kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says. Can you say that with me?”</p> <p>KIDS AND HOST: [Bottom Line] “God’s kingdom grows when you hear and do what He says.”</p> <p>HOST: “Great job, friends! Now let’s get ready to learn more about God’s kingdom together!”</p>
<p>9:00/11:00/12:45</p> <p>9:30/11:15</p>	<p>WORSHIP</p> <p>WORSHIP LEADER: “Hey, everyone! I’m so glad you’re here today. Right now, we get to do something really special—we get to worship God together! Worship is our chance to focus our hearts on Jesus, remember who He is, and tell Him how much we love Him.</p> <p>’ This song reminds us that Jesus isn’t far away. He’s not distant or hard to reach. Jesus is the One who loves us, who brings light and joy into our hearts, and who invites us to draw near to Him. He IS Majestic! Let’s sing!</p> <p>SONG: <i>“Majestic</i></p>
<p>9:03/11:03/12:48</p> <p>9:33/11:18</p>	<p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>STORYTELLER: “I’m so glad everyone is here today! We’re going to learn about God together, and that’s my favorite thing to do.</p> <p>“All summer long, we’ve been learning about God’s kingdom, and God’s kingdom is where His ways are lived out. He is kind, and good, and truthful, and righteous—and all of these wonderful things. And God’s kingdom is where those good ways are the way things operate. It’s where Jesus is King, and the kingdom is like the King!</p>

“This month, we’re going to talk about all kinds of ways we can live out this kingdom. In fact, that’s our theme this month: ‘Kingdom Quest—Living the Greatest Adventure.’

“But before we open the Bible and talk more about God’s kingdom, I want to tell you about something that happened to me. And I promise, you’re allowed to laugh at me. You know how sometimes someone gives you instructions, and you totally hear them ... but you don’t actually listen? Yeah. That was me. Big time.

(Share an age-appropriate story about a time you heard something but didn’t follow through—could be something funny.)

“I heard it. I just didn’t do it! And things got messy. Really messy. The truth is, we’ve all done that. We hear something with our ears, but it never really makes it into our hearts. And Jesus knew this was something everyone struggled with—kids, grown-ups, all of us. So Jesus told a story to help people understand what happens when they hear God’s words ... and what happens when they actually take what He says and live it out.”

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “On this particular day, Jesus was teaching near the Sea of Galilee. It was a beautiful place—water stretching out behind Him, boats pulled up onto the shore, people waiting to hear from Jesus. As Jesus began speaking, more and more people gathered. The crowd grew so large that Jesus actually got into a boat to teach while everyone else stood along the shoreline.

“People were leaning in. They wanted to hear what He would say next. Jesus looked out at all of them, and He chose a story that everyone there would understand immediately. A story about something they could visualize.”

THE PATH (HARD HEART)

STORYTELLER: “Jesus began telling a story about a farmer:

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:3-4 NIV.)

Then he told them many things using stories. He said, “A farmer went out to plant his seed. He scattered the seed on the ground. Some fell on a path. Birds came and ate it up.”

“Now think about a path, the kind everyone walks on. The dirt gets packed down so hard, it feels almost like a rock. When a seed lands on ground like this, it can’t sink in.

(Hold up the container of “path soil,” and drop a few seeds onto it.)

“The seeds just sit on top. And before anything can happen ... a bird swoops down and eats them.

“Then Jesus explained what this part of the story meant:

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:18-19 NIV.)

“Listen! Here is the meaning of the story of the farmer. People hear the message about the kingdom but do not understand it. Then the evil one comes. He steals what was planted in their hearts. Those people are like the seed planted on a path.”

“So the seed never had a chance. It couldn’t grow. And Jesus wanted the crowd to imagine this and wonder, ‘Is my heart ever like that? Am I hearing God and His words, but not really taking them in?’”

THE ROCKY SOIL (SHALLOW HEART)

STORYTELLER: “Jesus kept going with His story. After talking about the seed that landed on the path, He described another place where seeds fell.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:5-6 NIV.)

“Some seeds fell on rocky places, where there wasn’t much soil. The plants came up quickly, because the soil wasn’t deep. When the sun came up, it burned the plants. They dried up because they had no roots.”

“Picture this: Seeds land in dirt, but right underneath the dirt is a layer of rock.

(Hold up the container of “rocky soil,” and drop a few seeds onto it.)

“The seeds pop up fast as plants because they don’t have to push through much soil. The plants look like they’re doing great at first ... but they can’t grow strong roots.

“And when the sun heats up the ground, the little plants can’t reach water. They dry up. They don’t last.

“Then Jesus explained what this part of the story meant:

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:20-21 NIV.)

“The seed that fell on rocky places is like other people. They hear the message and at once receive it with joy. But they have no roots. So they last only a short time. They quickly fall away from the faith when trouble or suffering comes because of the message.”

“Jesus was explaining that some people get really excited about God and His words at first. They love hearing about Jesus! They want to follow Him! But when something hard happens ... their excitement fades away. The roots weren’t deep yet. The plant looked strong for a moment, but it didn’t last.”

THE THORNS (CROWDED HEART)

STORYTELLER: “Then Jesus described another place where some of the farmer’s seeds landed. This time, the seeds fell into soil that wasn’t hard ... and wasn’t rocky ... but it had a different problem.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:7 NIV.)

“Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and crowded out the plants.”

“If you’ve ever seen a garden with weeds in it, you know exactly what Jesus was talking about. A seed can start growing just fine in soil like this. It might even look healthy at first! But thorns grow fast ... and they grow *everywhere*.

(Hold up the container of “thorny soil,” and drop a few seeds into it.)

“Soon, the thorns begin to crowd around the little plants. They take the sunlight. They take the water. They take all the good things the plants need. And even though the plants are alive ... they can’t grow fruit. They get crowded out.

“Jesus explained what these thorns represent:

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:22 NIV.)

“The seed that fell among the thorns is like others who hear the message. But then the worries of this life and the false promises of wealth crowd it out. They keep the message from producing fruit.”

“Sometimes people do hear God and His words ... and they even want to follow Him. But then life gets busy. Or they start worrying. Or they chase after other things they think will make them happy. And little by little, all those ‘thorns’ crowd out what God is trying to grow.”

THE GOOD SOIL (READY HEART)

STORYTELLER: “Finally, Jesus talked about the last place the seeds landed. And this place was completely different from the path, the rocky ground, or the thorny soil.

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:8 NIV.)

“Still other seed fell on good soil. It produced a crop 100, 60 or 30 times more than what was planted.”

“This is the kind of soil every farmer hopes for. It’s soft. It’s rich. It’s ready. When a seed lands in soil like this, it can grow deep roots.

(Hold up the container of “good soil,” and drop a few seeds into it.)

“The plants can grow strong and healthy. And they don’t just grow a little bit—they grow a lot! They produce more and more and more.

“Then Jesus explained what this part of the story meant:

(Open the Bible and read Matthew 13:23 NIV.)

“But the seed that fell on good soil is like those who hear the message and understand it. They produce a crop 100, 60 or 30 times more than the farmer planted.”

“Jesus said that people with hearts like good soil don’t just hear God’s words ... they receive them. They think about them. They live them out. And when they do, God grows incredible things in their lives—things that look like love, joy, peace, kindness, and all the good fruit the Holy Spirit brings. Good soil isn’t perfect soil. It’s just a heart that’s ready for God to plant something new.”

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

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?”

“Every day, you have a chance to listen to God and His words with a heart that’s ready ... a heart like good soil. And when you do, God will grow things in your life and through your life that only He can grow.

“Let’s take a quiet moment and talk to the King of this kingdom, friends.”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: “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.”

9:15/11:15/1:00

WORSHIP LEADER

9:45/11:30

“Let’s keep worshipping together! Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Whether life is going really well or really hard, Jesus stays right by our side. His love plays on repeat ... over and over again.

“So let’s sing this together and thank Jesus for being the One we can always count on.

SONG: “Over & Over Again” Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

<p>9:19/11:19/1:04</p> <p>9:49/11:34</p>	<p>LANDING</p> <p>COMMUNICATOR: “Great job, everyone! I love worshipping God with you all!</p> <p>“Our Memory Verse for this month is found in Romans 14:17. <i>“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.”</i></p> <p>SLIDE: Memory Verse</p> <p>WORSHIP LEADER: “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</p> <p>And...One Last Time....let’s read our Bottom Line Together.</p> <p>CG: Bottom Line Slide</p> <p>[Bottom Line] “God’s Kingdo grows when you hear and do what He says.</p> <p>It’s time to talk more in Small Groups!”</p>
<p>9:20/11:20/1:05</p> <p>9:50/11:35</p>	<p><i>Kids to Small Groups</i></p> <p>SFX: Play fun music as the kids exit.</p>