

JUNE 2026

TRUTH

the way God wants us to live in His kingdom

Welcome to summer! We're so excited to dive into Kingdom Quest, a two-month series on the parables of Jesus. Our brains are hard-wired to understand the world in terms of story, so when Jesus told stories, He gave His followers a chance to wrestle with deep truths. He challenged them to discover how those truths could apply to their daily lives. Through many of these parables, Jesus painted a picture of what God's kingdom is like and how each one of us can pursue and be a part of it. We start off exploring how the kingdom grows through the stories of The Mustard Seed and The Yeast. Then we dive into the story of The Lost Sheep and connect the dots on how Jesus came to find us and make a way for us to be part of God's kingdom. We follow up with the story of The Lost Son and how God wants everyone to be part of His kingdom. And we finish June with the stories of The Hidden Treasure and The Pearl, so kids can discover that seeking to know God and His kingdom is more important than anything else in their lives

WEEK 1: The Mustard Seed & Yeast Stories
(*Matthew 13:31-34*)

Jesus shows us God's kingdom.

WEEK 2: The Story of The Lost Sheep
(*Luke 15:1-7*)

Jesus made a way for you to be part of God's kingdom.

WEEK 3: The Story of The Lost Son
(*Luke 15:11-32*)

God wants everyone to be part of His kingdom.

WEEK 4: The Hidden Treasure & The Pearl
(*Matthew 13:44-46; 4:18-22*)

Loving God and His kingdom is most important.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
Matthew 6:10 NIV

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



MORNING TIME

As your kid starts his day, tell him one way you have seen him grow.



MEAL TIME

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer these questions: "What is God's kingdom? How does it make you feel to know that you can be a part of growing God's kingdom right now?"



DRIVE TIME

While on the go, have a spiritual conversation your kid. Say: "Think about God making everything right one day. What are you looking forward to most about that?"



BED TIME

Pray together: "Father God, thank You for giving us Jesus to teach us about You and Your kingdom. Help us to love You and Your kingdom the most."

PARENT TIP:

I always have great, big plans and lofty dreams at the approach of a new season.

The start of the school year? It's going to be the most organized one yet! AND we'll make it to the apple orchard, the pumpkin patch, and every single soccer match rain or shine. But September hits me like a sack of potatoes, and I end up crawling to the end of October with the last of my sanity.

What about the Christmas season? I may not have visions of sugarplums, but I do have visions of a prettily decorated home, with lots of family advent devotional time, and many slow weekends of baking Christmas cookies while the snow softly falls. And then, flu season arrives. And nothing is easy.

There isn't anything wrong with not accomplishing all the little things you had hoped. The problem, though, is that it feels disappointing. And I, for one, can easily let that feeling taint the whole season.

So, summer is almost here, and I'm dreaming of all the things! But before I get too far, I want to make sure the list doesn't get too long, and that the MOST important things are at the top of the list. Plus, I want them to be simple enough to actually accomplish. So, here's my plan for the summer...

1. Pray together with my boys each morning. Invite Jesus into our lives and our day. And then be intentional to look for how He shows up.
 2. Listen to Bible verse music in the car, (like Seeds Family Worship or Doorpost Songs), so we can memorize more Scripture. We've gotten away from this as my kids have grown, but I want it back!
 3. Take walks. Grill dinner and eat outside. Have a Lake Erie beach day. Get ice cream often!
- Hopefully, that is simple enough to accomplish, and yet enjoyable enough to look forward to. And now, it's your turn. What will you put on your list?