

# JULY 2026

## COMPASSION

showing the love of  
Jesus by meeting  
someone's need

Last month, we focused on what God's kingdom is. This month, we're going to explore how Jesus teaches us to live in and help grow God's kingdom. And we'll do it by studying more of Jesus' parables. We start off with The Story of the Sower, and how God's kingdom grows when we listened to God and do what He says. In Week 2, we explore The Parable of the Bags of Gold, discovering how God wants us to use the gifts He has given us to grow the kingdom. We follow up with The Servant Who Had No Mercy, where kids will learn that because God has forgiven us, we can help bring His kingdom to others when we forgive them. And we wrap up the summer series with The Story of the Persistent Widow, where kids will see how important it is to keep talking with God and never give up, even when you don't get the answer you want right away.

**WEEK 1:** The Story of the Sower  
(*Matthew 13:1-23; Luke 11:28*)

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

**WEEK 2:** The Story of The Bags of Gold  
(*Matthew 25:14-30*)

God's kingdom grows when you use what He's given you.

**WEEK 3:** The Story of The Servant Who Had No Mercy  
(*Matthew 18:21-35*)

God's kingdom grows when you forgive.

**WEEK 4:** The Story of the Widow Who Would Not Give Up  
(*Luke 18:1-8*)

God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up.

## 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 NIV

# ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



## MORNING TIME

As your kid starts her day, encourage her to find one way to share God's love today.



## MEAL TIME

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: "What are some things we can do as a family to grow God's kingdom?"



## DRIVE TIME

While on the go, have a spiritual conversation your kid. Say: "What are some things you are learning about God's kingdom?"



## BED TIME

Pray together: "Father God, thank You for giving us Jesus to teach us and to save us. Help us to listen and do what You say so we can grow Your kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen."

## PARENT TIP:

July is all about growing God's kingdom. As a parent, you have the unique opportunity to do just that...within your own home! Here's how.

First, share the gospel with your kids. This isn't a one-time, check-it-off-your-list kind of thing. The gospel message should be woven into the fabric of your lives. It should be a part of family devotional times, yes. But it should also be a part of ordinary conversations. Even though the good news of Jesus is simple enough for a child to understand, it is also breathtakingly beautiful and full of depth, so much so that 1 Peter 1:12 tells us that the angels long to look into things pertaining to our salvation! The gospel conversations, therefore, can be endless.

Second, submit your whole self to Jesus every day. Your life is a testimony to your children. They will see how you live and whom you serve. They will see whether or not you are allowing the Holy Spirit to make you more like Jesus. Let God do that work in you, so that what you do matches what you say.

In other words, bow to the King! Deliver His life-changing message, and let Him actually change your life. And pray for your kids' salvation. Maybe one day they, too, will become citizens of God's kingdom.

## A FEW GOOD READS...



Push Your Kids  
Out the  
Front Door



Passing Down  
Faith is Simpler  
Than You Think



Shatter Your  
Kid-Centered  
Kingdom