

W4 June 28 K-5

Today's Suggested Schedule—June 2026, Week 4

Leader Summary - Jesus told the Stories of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl to help His followers understand that there is absolutely nothing more valuable than discovering how to love God and live in His kingdom. [BOTTOM LINE] Loving God and His kingdom is most important.

Small Group 9:15/11:00 (20 minutes)
Connect Time

Large Group 9:35/11:20 (30 minutes)
Countdown and Welcome
Large Group Game
Worship
Story
Prayer

Small Group 10:05/11:50 (25 minutes)
Basic Truth and Story Review
Activity 1
Activity 2
Prayer

Home:
Devotionals for Kids



Bible Story

The Stories of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl
• *Matthew 13:44-46 (Supporting: Matthew 4:18-22)*

Bottom Line

Loving God and His kingdom is most important.

Monthly Memory Verse

"May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven." • Matthew 6:10 NIV

20 min

Connect Time

9:15/11:00

20 min

Welcome Time

What You Need

 (VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

1

13 min

Large Group

9:35/11:20

3 min

Countdown & Welcome

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

From doors opening to start of large group - Play intro music in the background as you greet and intentionally engage with students, following the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few different stations of toys, puzzles, games, or blocks.

Connect time is spent building relationships with some intentional connecting with kids before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or playing or just sit and listen to each other. You can ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

Transition to Large Group..

Video: Countdown

Slide: Theme intro

"Hey, everyone! Welcome to KidCity! I'm so glad you're here today. If this is your first time, we're extra excited you're here! This month, we've been talking all about God's kingdom! The full title of our series this month is 'Kingdom Quest—Seeking the Greatest Treasure'.

We are going to have a lot of fun today, so first let's go over our KidCity Expectations."

(SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)

"Now, let's quickly go over our KidCity Expectations (rules) so we can make sure that we make the most of our time today:(Don't dwell on these too long but make sure you review them briefly so we can set everyone up for success.)

1. Be Kind
2. Be Safe
3. Have Fun"

Slide: Baptism Sunday

10 min

Game | Bible Statues!

What You Need

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"Today is baptism Sunday! Do we have anyone in our room getting baptized today? Baptism is something that we do after we have decided to follow Jesus, so we can share with our church family and friends that we've decided to live our life in relationship with Jesus. If you have questions about getting baptized or would like to be baptized. Please talk with your small group leader and they can help you more."

Slide: Theme

"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!

"But before we talk about God's kingdom more, we need to get everyone moving. Everybody, stand up!

"We're going to play a fun game called 'Bible Statues!'

SLIDE: Bible Statues! Title

"Everyone gets to play at the same time! Here's how it works: I'll call out a Bible character or action, and you freeze in a statue pose that matches it. The goal isn't to win, it's to get creative and have fun! Ready?

"Alright, first one: David fighting Goliath! Everybody freeze!
(Kids pose.)

"Whoa! Some of you look REALLY brave right now!

"Next one: Noah building the ark! Freeze!
(Kids pose.)

"Nice! Looks like some of you are building the world's tiniest ark!

"Try this one: Jonah inside the big fish! Freeze!
(Kids pose.)

"That is both hilarious and impressive.

"One more: The disciples rowing a boat! Freeze!
(Kids pose.)

"Nice form! Professionals out here!

(Moses parting the Red Sea.)
(God's army marching around the walls of Jericho.)
(Peter walking on water.)
(Zacchaeus climbing a tree.)
(A fisherman casting a net.)
(A woman looking for a lost coin.)
(A person celebrating a great banquet.)
(Mary pretending she's surprised by an angel.)

6 min

Worship

9:45/11:30

3 min

Roll with You | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min


Waymaker | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

Memory Verse

What You Need

 Large Group leader has Bible Open to verse 1

"You all did awesome! You can go ahead and take a seat. We're unpacking a lot today! But before we do, let's check out our Bottom Line for today.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "Loving God and His kingdom is most important. Can you say that with me?"

[Bottom Line] "Loving God and His kingdom is most important."

"Great job! Let's get ready to learn more about that!"

"One of the best parts of our Kingdom Quest is getting to worship God together. When we worship, we're not just singing, we're choosing to focus on the One who loves us most and the One who invites us into His kingdom.

What To Do:

Large Group leader has Bible Open

"Our Memory Verse this month is a prayer that Jesus taught His followers to pray that asks for just that. It's found in Matthew 6:10. I'll read it first, and then I will guide you through it!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

"May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven' (Matthew 6:10 NIV)."

"Now, let me lead you through it! Repeat after me—nice and loud!"

"May your kingdom come."

KIDS: "May your kingdom come."

"May what you want to happen."

KIDS: "May what you want to happen."

"be done."

KIDS: "be done."

"on earth as it is done in heaven."

KIDS: "on earth as it is done in heaven."

"Matthew 6:10!"

KIDS: "Matthew 6:10!"

"Awesome job! This verse is more than words; it's a prayer we can pray all the time. When we don't know what to do, when we want to make the right choice, or when we need God's help, we can pray this: 'God, let Your kingdom come. Help Your ways and Your love show up in my life.'"

If you've learned this verse this month, tell it to your small group leader during small group for a prize.

10 min

Bible Story

9:55/11:40

5 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

Closing

10:05/11:50


What To Do:

Large Group leader has Bible Open to *Matthew 13:44-46*

5 min

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

What You Need

 Large Group leader has Bible Open to story 1

5 min

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

"Make getting to know God and His kingdom the most important thing in your life. You can do this by making spending time with God the most important thing you do. You can make it a priority to spend time with God every day—and you can get to know who He is by reading the Bible.

"And go through every day with Him as your closest friend too. Since God is the most important, talk to Him about absolutely everything. As you go through life, you can say, 'God, I loved that breakfast so much,' Or, 'God, I'm really nervous about swim practice.' Or, 'God, is there anything You would like me to do here?'

"Since Jesus is an exact picture of what God is like, we can make God's kingdom most important when we live like Jesus. Since Jesus is loving, joyful, just, compassionate, trustworthy, and kind, then God's kingdom is like that too. We can be loving, joyful, just, compassionate, trustworthy, and kind everywhere we go to show that God's kingdom is the most important.

"Getting to know God and living out His ways is the greatest treasure! Let's all make Him the most important thing for the rest of our lives!"

PRAYER

"Let's take a quiet moment together, friends. You can close your eyes and get still as we talk to Jesus.

"God, Your kingdom is the greatest treasure we could ever find. Being close to You is worth more than anything else in our lives. Help us remember what matters most. When we get busy, distracted, or pulled in lots of directions, remind us to choose You first. Teach us to love You with all our hearts. Thank You for inviting every one of us into Your kingdom. Help us treasure You more than anything. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Dismissal Instructions:

"You are going to go to your small groups and look at the Basic truths and talk about which of the basic truths go with the story we just heard."

SLIDE: Basic Truth Slide

10 min


Small Group

10:10/11:55

5 min

Basic Truth and Story Review

What You Need

-  Basic Truth print out (found in Small Group Bin) 1

What You Do:

Start your small group time looking at the Basic Truth statements. Discuss which basic truth fits into the story and why. Listen to the kid's different ideas.

I am made by God to be unique (one of a kind.)
 I am made by God to reflect His image (act like Him.)
 I am made by God to worship Him (to live in a way that shows Him love and honor.

I am loved by God no matter what so I can love God, love others, and love life.

I am loved by God no matter what so I can belong in God's family forever.
 I am loved by God no matter what so I can trust God to guide me.
 I am loved by God no matter what so I can be confident that God knows who I am.




I am made for a purpose, so I have value.

I am made for a purpose so the Holy Spirit will help me do big things now.
 I am made for a purpose so I can tell people about God.

5 min

Activity 1 - Hidden Message

What You Need

-  Bible 1
-  Paper 1
-  Coloring supplies Several
-  "Hidden Message" Activity Page 1

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Open the Bible to Matthew 13:44-46.
- Read the passage out loud.
- Review the stories of the hidden treasure and the pearl.
- Ask: "What can you tell me about the parable of the hidden treasure?" (*There was a man who found a treasure hidden in a field. He sold absolutely everything and bought that field!*)
- Ask: "What can you tell me about the parable of the pearl?" (*There was a pearl trader who found a very valuable pearl. He sold everything to buy that pearl!*)
- Emphasize how the men in the stories gave up everything they had to get the one treasure.
- Give each kid a "Hidden Message" Activity Page.
- First, let the kids color the treasure chest on every other section as it appears on their paper, and color in the letters appearing on the other sections.
- Then, guide them through the folding steps. Show them how to fold the paper on the fold lines to reveal the hidden message: "God's kingdom."
- **3rd - 5th Grade Ask these questions and discuss:**
- Why did the disciples follow Jesus right away?
- What are some things we love?
- What is most important?
- How can we show God is most important?





5 min

Memory Verse Activity

5 min

Memory Verse Review

What You Need

	Bibles	1
	Memory Verse posters	1
	Memory verse motions poster	1
	prizes for anyone that memorized the verse	1

What You Say:

"Wow, look at that! When you folded the paper just right, a secret message appeared! It says, 'God's kingdom.' That's what the treasure in our story is all about.

"One day, Jesus taught a great crowd along the Sea of Galilee. He used stories called parables to explain what God's kingdom is like and how it grows. Afterward, back at the house where they were staying, Jesus' closest friends wanted to know more. Jesus told them that His kingdom was more precious than hidden treasure or the most valuable, valuable pearl.

"Jesus said that truly finding God's kingdom is more exciting and more valuable than treasure. In fact, it's worth giving up all the other important things to keep this one thing. **[Bottom Line] Loving God and His kingdom is most important.**"

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Give every 2 kids a Bible and direct them to look up Matthew 6:10.
- Demonstrate how to look up the Memory Verse
- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Invite the kids to put their Bibles aside.
- **K-1st Grade**
- Have your kids stand up.
- Review the verse with motions together 2 or 3 times.
- Ask if anyone wants to do it by themselves or by memory.
- Offer prizes for those that learned their verse.
- **2nd-5th Grade**
- Put your group into pairs.
- Instruct the two to stand back-to-back.
- On the count of three, the kids take one step and turn to face each other.
- When they are facing face to face they will say the verse together.
- Offer prizes for those that learned their verse.

What You Say:

"Awesome, everyone! You are getting so good at that verse. When we pray for God's kingdom to come, we are saying that we want what God wants more than anything else.

"But what is God's kingdom? Well, God is loving, joyful, kind, just, and good. And His kingdom is like He is. The kingdom is like the King! So when we pray that prayer, we are asking God to spread His love, joy,

5 min

Prayer Time

5 min

Pray

What You Need

No supplies needed

kindness, justice, and goodness right here on earth. We are saying that **[Bottom Line] loving God and His kingdom is most important.**"

"God, thank You for showing us what is most important. Thank You that Your kingdom is the greatest treasure we could ever find. Please help the people whose names we drew today to see and feel Your love. Help all of us to make choices this week that show **[Bottom Line] loving God and His kingdom is most important.** We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Supplies

Welcome Time

- | | Quantity |
|---------------------------|----------|
| 1. (VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC) | 1 |

Game | Bible Statues!

- | | Quantity |
|---------|----------|
| 1. Host | 1 |

Memory Verse

- | | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| 1. Large Group leader has Bible Open to verse | 1 |

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

- | | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| 1. Large Group leader has Bible Open to story | 1 |

Basic Truth and Story Review

- | | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| 1. Basic Truth print out (found in Small Group Bin) | 1 |

Activity 1 - Hidden Message

- | | Quantity |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Bible | 1 |
| 2. Paper | 1 |
| 3. Coloring supplies | Several |
| 4. "Hidden Message" Activity Page | 1 |

Memory Verse Review

- | | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| 1. Bibles | 1 |
| 2. Memory Verse posters | 1 |
| 3. Memory verse motions poster | 1 |
| 4. prizes for anyone that memorized the verse | 1 |