

ALLEY Rundown – June 6th- 7th, 2026

Bible Story: What Is God's Kingdom? The Stories of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast •
Matthew 13:31-34

Conversation Starter: What is God's kingdom?

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

PRE-SERVICE VIDEOS: *Dude Perfect*

SLIDE: *Theme*

Hi, everyone! Welcome to the ALLEY! Hey, friends! It's good to see everyone! Raise your hand if you're having a good summer!

Before we get started, I'd like to welcome our brand-new 4th graders to the ALLEY! Hey 5th graders, can you guys help me...what are some things we should make sure our fourth graders know about the Alley? (*Give kids time to answer. They may need prompting but make sure they cover:*

- *Where the bathroom is*
- *What they can do each week when they first come in*
- *Where they should sit*
- *EXPLAIN ALLEY CASH!*
- *The So and So Show*
- *Where the offering goes*

Welcome to Kingdom Quest, where this month, we're searching for something way more meaningful than buried treasure or pirate gold. The full name of our theme this month is 'Kingdom Quest—Seeking the Greatest Treasure,' and I'm SO excited for us to learn more about that together!

Now I want to show you something Jesus taught His followers that we're going to hold onto all month long. It's our Memory Verse! But this verse isn't just something to memorize; it's something to pray, something to trust, and something we can come back to all throughout our lives. It's Matthew 6:10, and it says:

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

When most of us hear the word 'kingdom,' we picture something huge and dramatic. Castles. Thrones. Knights. Maybe even a giant flag waving in the wind. But Jesus talked about God's kingdom in a way that made people stop and say, 'Wait, what?'

Before we jump into today's Bible Story, let me ask you something. Have you ever had a moment when something *seemed* small, so small you barely noticed it, but later on, you realized it mattered more than you thought? Maybe someone said one encouraging sentence that changed your whole day. Or you made a tiny choice that ended up affecting a whole situation. Or maybe something started out ordinary but turned into something way bigger than you expected.

Those moments don't feel very important at the time. They feel small and easy to miss. But later, you realize, 'Oh ... that actually mattered.'

Keep moments like that in mind because today, we're going to hear how Jesus explained God's kingdom in a really surprising way. He used stories, called parables, to show us something HUGE ... by starting with something incredibly small.

VIDEO: *The So and So Show* (10:50)

Today's Bible Story reminds us that God's kingdom may have started small, but it was going to grow big! A tiny seed becoming a massive tree. A little yeast transforming the entire dough. And it did!

That's what God's kingdom is like. We who follow Jesus are a part of something huge, and that's so exciting! Let's keep on pointing to the kingdom of God.

I'm so grateful Jesus came and taught us this about God's kingdom. There's so much we wouldn't know about God's kingdom unless Jesus told us! You see, Jesus is God, and He came from where God lives, and while Jesus was on earth, He came and taught us about things of God. He came and taught us about God's kingdom.

So here's the question I want you to think about, not just right now, but all week.

SLIDE: *Conversation Starter*

What is God's kingdom?

That's a really good question. What is God's kingdom that Jesus came to show us?

As you head to small groups today, think about this question honestly. What do you think God's kingdom is? What do you think it looks like? How does it show up? That's one of the things your group is going to talk about.

Let's take a moment and talk to the King of this kingdom,.

Jesus, thank You for showing us what God's kingdom is really like. Thank You for using simple stories, like a tiny seed and a little bit of yeast, to help us understand something incredibly big. God, help us point to Your kingdom in our homes, in our friendships, and in our schools. We love You, God. Thank You for inviting us to be part of Your kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING

Do you remember what we are raising money for this year?

Yep, Clean water wells in Malawi, which is a country in Africa. Having a well with clean water right in their village means women and children don't have to travel far away to other villages to get clean water, and then they don't have to walk back with heavy containers. Let's watch a video that was taken

from a team from our church that just finished installing a brand new well. Listen carefully as the man is a little hard to understand.

Missions video 3

Amazing right? The money we raise for these wells really make a BIG impact the villages in Malawi!

SLIDE: Summer Jam

SUMMER JAM

And that's not all! Summer Jam is coming up very soon and we're so excited to invite you to these 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! You won't want to miss it. Tell whoever brought you that you need to visit the Summer Jam booth after our time together today to sign up and get your t shirt! Also grab some invite cards and invite your friends!

VIDEO: Summer JAM Slide

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