

CITY LG – June 13th- 14th, 2026

Bible Story: The Story of the Lost Sheep • *Luke 15:1-7 (supporting 1 Timothy 1:15)*

Bottom Line: Jesus made a way for you to be part of 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

WORSHIP

So So Good

Can't Steal My Joy

SLIDE: Theme

Hey, everybody! I'm [your name], and I'm so glad we're all here together in the CITY! We have some very special people in here with us today! Where are our brand new first graders?? Make some noise first graders!! We are so glad you are in the City now! Second and third graders...what are some things we should make sure our first graders know? (*Give kids time to answer. They may need prompting but make sure they cover:*

- Bathroom procedures
- What they can do each week when they first come in
- Schedule: worship, LG (Story Lab videos), SG
- Offering

Well, now that we have officially welcomed our awesome first graders, let's get to it! I

It's summertime, which means sunshine, fun, and adventures, and we're on a Kingdom Quest together! The full name of our series this month is "Kingdom Quest—Seeking the Greatest Treasure," and you know what? Every quest is better when we get to have fun with our friends!

All summer long, we're going to learn about God's kingdom. God is loving, joyful, kind, good, just, and honest, among other things. And God's kingdom is where He reigns, and where those characteristics are the way things operate! God's kingdom is a great, great place!

Before we dive into our Bible Story about God's kingdom, let's warm up by getting to know each other a little better. We're going to play a quick mini game called 'Find Someone Who ...'

When I say something, if it's true for you, raise your hand high so we can all see.

Okay, first one: Raise your hand if you love ice cream! Now find someone who loves ice cream, and ask them what their favorite flavor is!

(Pause while kids talk with each other.)

Now raise your hand if you like animals! Go find someone who likes animals and ask them what their favorite animal is!

(Pause while kids talk with each other.)

Last one—raise your hand if you went swimming this week! Go talk to someone who did and ask if they did a cannonball!

(Pause while kids talk with each other.)

Look at that! That was so fun! You all can go back to your spots. Now that we've gotten to know each other better, let's check out our memory verse. It's Memory Verse is found in Matthew 6:10.

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).

Before we look at the true story from the Bible Jesus told about God's kingdom, I have a question for all of you—do you ever have days where things just seem to wander off? Like your shoes ... your backpack ... your snack ... or even your favorite toy?

I know I sure do. Sometimes I look for something, and it feels like it grew little legs and walked away! Have you ever called out, 'Where did that gooooo?'

Well, guess what? Jesus told a story about something that was lost. But it wasn't about a lost sneaker ... or a lost snack ... or even a lost sock, though THAT would be a great mystery.

Jesus told a story about something much, MUCH fluffier. Something that goes, 'Baaa.' Something that loves to nibble grass and wiggle its tail. Anyone have any guesses?

That's right! One day, Jesus told a story, a parable, about a sheep that wandered off and got itself totally, completely, absolutely LOST. Let's check it out.

VIDEO: Bible Story

God wants everyone to be a part of His kingdom. God wants everyone to be close to Him. But sin keeps us from being close to God. Jesus did what we needed to make a way for us to come back to God. He paid the price for our sin. Jesus paid the price to bring us back to God. We were all lost, but Jesus made a way for all of us to come back home to Him and be God's forever friend!

That's how big God's love is. That's how big God's heart is. And that's why Jesus told this story—to show us that every single person matters to God, and heaven rejoices when someone is found!

Now let's check out our Bottom Line for the day!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

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

You are the very loved sheep that Jesus went after so you could come home to being His friend. So, don't try to do good things to earn Jesus' love—He already loves you! And don't try to do good things to try to pay Jesus back for what He did—you can't pay Him back!

Just be the loved little sheep and tell other people that God loves them too!

If you haven't chosen to follow Jesus yet, we would love to talk to you about it. Talk to your Small Group leader, and they can help you start your forever friendship with God! He wants you to come home to Him.

Let's talk to the God who loves us so much!

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us the way the shepherd loved His sheep. Thank You for coming to find us when we were lost. Thank You for making a way for us to come home to God's kingdom. Help us stay close to You, trust You, and follow You every day. We love You so much. In Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING

In Parkview Kids, we want to have fun but also be the hands and feet of Jesus by helping others who are in need. This year we are collecting our offering money to help kids all the way on the other side of the world in a country in Africa called Malawi. Did you know that in this area many communities don't have access to clean water?

Slides: 1-4

We are helping a ministry called E3 which helps put in freshwater wells. 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 they don't have to walk with heavy containers of water.

Help us raise money to provide wells in the communities in Malawi. We want you to go home and ask what YOU can do to raise money for these families in Africa!

SLIDE: Summer JAM Slide

OFFERING

And that's not all! Summer Jam is coming up THIS WEEK 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

SLIDE: Summer Jam