

## CITY LG – June 6<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

**Bottom Line:** Jesus shows us 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**

Hi, friends! Welcome to The City! I'm so glad you're here today. 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. And guess what? It's finally SUMMER! You know what, before we go any further, I've got some VERY important questions. Raise your hand if this is you.

- Who has already eaten a popsicle this summer?
- Who's been to the pool?
- Who stayed up way too late because it's summer and you can?
- Okay, last one ... who's excited to be here today?

This summer, our theme is 'Kingdom Quest,' and the full name of our series is 'Kingdom Quest— Seeking the Greatest Treasure.' We're going to discover some pretty amazing stories Jesus told that help us learn about God's kingdom. I'm so excited!

Our Memory Verse this month is found in Matthew 6:10. I'll read it first, and then I will lead 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*

All summer long, we're going to learn about God's kingdom. God's kingdom is where He reigns as King! It's where His love, joy, peace, kindness, and justice are the way things operate. All summer long,

we're going to be learning about God's kingdom. But more than that, as we learn about God's kingdom, we are going to learn about its King! Jesus is the greatest treasure!

To get things started, I need you to imagine something with me. Picture a warm summer day. The sun is bright, the grass feels soft, and you're outside exploring—maybe looking for little treasures. Have you ever found something teeny-tiny on the ground? Like a tiny pebble, a little shell, a little roly-poly bug, or a seed so small, you almost missed it?

Sometimes the smallest things are so interesting, so tiny, and so detailed. That's the fun part of exploring—you never know what surprises are hiding in small things.

Today, we're going to hear a story Jesus told that begins with something super small. So small you could almost blink and miss it! But this tiny thing doesn't stay tiny for long. It becomes something amazing. Let's check it out!

**VIDEO: Bible Story**

I'm so glad Jesus 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.

That's exactly what our Bottom Line for this week says. Let's check it out:

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**Jesus shows us God's kingdom.**

Here's the best part: God's kingdom is still growing now! It was growing a long time ago, and it still is today. More and more people are seeing the love of Jesus and following Him, the King! And you are a part of this kingdom!

So, as a follower of Jesus, the King, you don't have to grow God's kingdom. That's God's job. But you can point to it! God is loving, kind, and fair, and when you are these things, you're showing the world what the King is like! When you're kind to someone who is lonely on the playground, you're pointing to Jesus and saying, 'Hey, the King of this kingdom is kind like this!' When you make a card for a neighbor who is sick, you're pointing to Jesus and saying, 'Hey, the King of this kingdom is thoughtful, just like this!'

You can point them to Jesus and maybe, just maybe if they ask why you're acting that way, you can say, 'Well, I'm trying to be just like King Jesus! He is the King of this kingdom you can be a part of because He loves you too!' God's kingdom grows and grows as more people join in the kingdom and start their forever friendship with Jesus, the King. You are a part of that kingdom, and you can point to it!

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

Jesus, thank You for teaching us about God's kingdom. Thank You that You want Your Kingdom to grow more and more as more people become Your forever friend. Please help us point to Your kingdom every day. We love You, Jesus, and we pray these things 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*

*SLIDE: Summer Jam*