

June Week 1
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Kingdom Quest

June 6-7

CRAFT WEEK 1

Dot Tree

SUPPLIES: Story Page, green dot markers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a story page and a green dot marker.**
 - *“Come to the table, friends! We’re going to make a beautiful picture of a mustard seed tree to help us remember today’s Bible Story.”*
- ⇒ **Encourage the children to use the dot markers to add branches to the tree, starting small and growing bigger.**
 - *“Jesus told a story about a tiny mustard seed that grew into a big, big tree! On your paper, you have the trunk of the tree. Let’s use dot markers to add the big green branches! Let’s put some dots close to the trunk. (Pause.) Now let’s add some more to make it bigger! (Pause.) Look! The tree started small and grew bigger and bigger.*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *“Look at your amazing trees! You took a small trunk and helped it grow big branches. This beautiful tree can remind you of God’s kingdom. God’s kingdom may start small, like a seed, but it grows and grows and grows! God is growing a kingdom that will have a place for all of His people. And God wants YOU to be part of His growing kingdom!*
 - **“Who can be part of God’s Kingdom?”**
 - **“I can be part of God’s Kingdom!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Seed to Tree

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Encourage the children to spread out so they have room to move.**
 - *“Hello, friends! I’m so glad you’re here. Come find a spot with lots of space around you. We’re going to play a moving game!”*

- ⇒ **Lead the children to move their body to look like a seed, a sprout, and a tree. Play a game like Simon Says where the children have to get in the position you call out.**
 - *“First, let’s be a tiny seed. Curl up in a little ball on the floor! Be so, so small. (Demonstrate.) Good job, tiny seeds! Now, the seed starts to grow. Stand up a little bit. You’re a little sprout! (Crouch down.) Now grow into a big tree! Stand up tall and stretch your arms out like branches! (Stand tall with arms out.) Great job! Now let’s grow to an even bigger tree—stretch, stretch, stretch! Wow! You grew from a tiny seed into a big tree! That’s just like in Jesus’ story. A tiny seed grew so big, birds could live in it!”*
 - *“Let’s turn it into a game. When I say, ‘Seed,’ I want you to curl up in a tiny ball, just like this. (Demonstrate.) And when I say, ‘Tree,’ I want you to jump up and stretch your arms way up high and out to the side with big branches, just like this. (Demonstrate.) Are you ready? Okay ... Seed! Curl up really tiny into a ball. (Pause.) Wow! Great job! You’re so tiny! Now ... Tree! Stand up tall and spread your arms really wide like a big, tall tree! (Pause.) You’ve got it! Let’s try it faster. Seed! (Pause.) Tree! (Pause.) Seed! (Repeat as time and interest allow.) Wow, you are great at being a tiny seed and a big tree!”*

- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Jesus told stories to help people know that God loves them and that God wants good things for them. The story that Jesus told about the mustard seed shows us how God’s kingdom grows. It can start small, but it grows big enough for everyone. And you know what? You can be part of God’s kingdom and **I can be part of God’s kingdom!**”*
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ACTIVITY #2

Go to the Kingdom

SUPPLIES: Kingdom page, wall & floor tape

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Make a tape line on the floor and encourage the children to line up on the starting line. Tape the kingdom page to the opposite wall.**
 - *“Hello, friends! I’m so happy to see you. Come stand on this line with me. Look what’s all the way across the room! (Point to the castle.) It’s a castle! Let’s pretend it’s God’s special kingdom. Let’s play a game and travel to the kingdom!”*

- ⇒ **Call out a way to travel (skip, fly like a bird, drive a car). Lead the children in moving from the starting line to the castle in that way. When you arrive at the castle, celebrate, and then lead them back to the start to travel in a new way. Review the question each time you get to the “Kingdom.”**
 - *“First, let’s DRIVE our cars to the kingdom! Get your steering wheel! Vroom, vroom! (Pretend to drive a car.) Let’s go! Vroom, vroom! (Lead children to the castle.) We made it! Yay! Now tell me, **Who can be part of God’s Kingdom? I can be part of God’s Kingdom!** Okay, let’s go back to the start. (Lead children back.)*
 - *“Now, let’s FLY like a bird! Get your wings out! Whoosh! (Stretch arms out.) Let’s fly to the kingdom! (Lead children, flapping your wings up and down.) We made it! Yay! Let’s go back to the start.*
 - *“This time let’s SKIP to the kingdom! Ready, set, go! (Skip with the children to the castle.) We made it! Hooray!”*

- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Wow, that was so much fun pretending to travel in different ways to God’s kingdom! Our Bible Story today taught us something amazing. God’s kingdom isn’t a place we have to drive a car or fly like a bird to get to. God’s kingdom is right here with us, because God is with us! And God wants YOU to be part of His special kingdom.*
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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
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Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY

- *The Beginner's Bible* p 323 "The Lord's Prayer"

ASK A QUESTION

Who can be part of God's Kingdom?

I can be part of God's Kingdom!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
Matthew 6:10

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.