



WEEK  
**TWO**  
JUNE 2024

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS

PRELUDE      SOCIAL      WORSHIP      STORY      **GROUPS**      HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

### MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



### 1. HOPSCOTCH VERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Painter's tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Use the tape to create a seven-square hopscotch board on the floor in your activity area.

### BIBLE STORY

I can have joy because God helps me.

**FEAST OF BOOTHS  
DEUTERONOMY 16:13-17**

### MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart is good medicine."

**PROVERBS 17:22, ESV**

### KEY QUESTION

Who can have joy all the time?

### BOTTOM LINE

I can have joy all the time.

### BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Have the children take turns playing hopscotch and saying one word of the verse as they hop to each space. Continue with each child. Repeat as desired.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bottom Line.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, I have a fun game for us to play as we review our Memory Verse. But first, let's say our verse and do the motions. 'A joyful (*brush flat hands upward twice*) heart (*tap chest twice with fingertip*) is good medicine;' (*move flat hand from chin to palm*) Proverbs 17:22. (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "We're going to say each word to our verse as you jump like this. (*Demonstrate.*) [Child's name], your turn. (*Jump.*) 'A (*jump*) joyful (*jump*) heart (*jump*) is (*jump*) good (*jump*) medicine, (*jump*) Proverbs 17:22.' Great job! [Child's name], your turn. (*Continue with each child.*) Friends, that was so much fun saying our Memory Verse while we jumped!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "We can have joy all the time because God loves us. Let's say our verse and do the motions one more time. 'A joyful (*brush flat hands upward twice*) heart (*tap chest twice with fingertip*) is good medicine;' (*move flat hand from chin to palm*) Proverbs 17:22. (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job! Tell me: **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time!** One more time! **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time!**"



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**MADE TO CREATE**  
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



**5. JOYFUL HARVEST**  
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Joyful Harvest" Activity Page, cardstock, plastic toy food, spray bottles, washable paint in a variety of fun colors, water, baby wipes, plastic tablecloth, paper towels, and permanent marker

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Joyful Harvest" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Cover the table with the tablecloth. Pour enough paint into each spray bottle to cover the bottom, and then fill bottles halfway with water. Shake to mix. Place toy food, spray bottles, and paper towels at the table.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to place a few pieces of food on their paper, then pick a spray bottle and spritz their paper. Change colors as desired, continuing to spray their papers. Pat food dry, then remove to reveal the food shapes left behind.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bible Story.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends! Come sit at the table with me. We're going to use this food and these spray bottles to create a joyful painting today!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Place two or three pieces of food on your paper. (Pause.) Great! Now pick a paint color and spray a few sprays over the food like this. (Demonstrate.) Now pick another color and do it again. (Pause.) Spray around the food, but don't move it. Use a few more colors, making sure to paint your entire picture. (Pause.) Okay, now let's pat the food dry. Will you help me? (Remove the food.) Look at the prints the food left. Wow! I love how colorful your pictures are!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "In today's story, we heard how God's people, the Israelites, worked in their gardens every day and grew a lot of food! God wanted them to take time to celebrate and thank Him for the sun and the rain that helped their gardens grow! Everyone got together and celebrated for seven days and seven nights! (Hold up seven fingers.) We can celebrate God too! When I count to three, shout: 'Thank You, God!' Ready? One, two, three! Thank You, God! The people had joy because God helped them. We can have joy all the time because God helps us too! **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time.**"

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### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



### 6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

#### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on

cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Proverbs 17:22. Keep this card in your Bible all month.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** March and clap as you say, 'Thank You, God,' while leading the children to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you. Review the Memory Verse and Hand Motions, then encourage the children to help you make a list in the journal of your favorite foods.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "It's Small Group time! Today we're going to march and clap while telling God, 'Thank You,' while we walk to our Small Group spot. March, clap, and say, 'Thank You, God!' with me, while you follow me to our small group spot! (March, clap, and say, 'Thank You, God!' as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.)

"Here we are! Now let's sit down so we can talk about today's Bible Story. One, two, three, sit down with me!

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** (Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.) "In our Bible Story today, the people had joy and celebrated because God helped them. The celebration was like a big THANK YOU to God! Do you remember how God helped the people? (Pause.) Yes, God made the sun shine. God made it rain. And God made the food grow!

"We can have joy because God helps us too. Every time we see the sun shine, we can have joy and say: 'Thank You, God!' Every time we see the rain fall, we can have joy and say: 'Thank You, God!' Every time we eat food, we can have joy and say: 'Thank You, God!' God is helping us all the time, so we can have joy all the time! **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time!** Yay, God! Thank You for helping us! (Clap.)

"Now it's time to talk about the new Bible verse we're learning. It says: 'A joyful (brush flat hands upward twice) heart (tap chest twice with fingertip) is good medicine,' (move flat hand from chin to palm) Proverbs 17:22. (Open hands like a book.)

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## (6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

"Wow! Joy makes you feel better, just like medicine makes you feel better. That's why a joyful heart is good medicine! Stand up with me and let's say that Bible verse together. Just say what I say and do what I do. 'A joyful (*brush flat hands upward twice*) heart (*tap chest twice with fingertip*) is good medicine;' (*move flat hand from chin to palm*) Proverbs 17:22. (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Way to go! (*Give fist bumps.*) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*)

"Today, we're going to make a list of our favorite foods and then we can thank God for them when we pray. When I say your name, tell me one food and I will write it in our journal." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "This list is making me hungry! Let's pray and thank God for helping us have such yummy foods to eat. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

"Dear God, thank You for making the sun shine. Thank You for making the rain fall. Thank You for making food grow. And thank You for the yummy things we get to eat, like (*read the list the children made*). Please help us have joy each time we remember all the ways You help us every day. You're the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name. Amen."