



WEEK
FOUR
JUNE 2024

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



1. JOY TO THE WORLD

WHAT YOU NEED: Inflatable globe beach ball

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Divide the group into two lines facing each other, about two feet apart. Stand on one end of the lines with the globe beach ball.

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy when I see what God has made.

**JOY IN THE PSALMS
PSALMS 8 AND 19**

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to pass the ball back and forth down the lines. When you get to the end of the line, ask a child to name something that gives them joy. Lead everyone to cheer, then start again. Continue until every child has a turn to answer. Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, let's get into two lines facing each other. (Help position children in two lines with approximately two feet between the two lines.) We are going to play a game passing this ball back and forth down the line."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Ready? Pass the ball! (Help direct who the ball is tossed to.) You are doing great! Keep going! (Pause.) Yay! Great job! [Child's name], what's something that gives you joy? (Pause.) Wow! Thank you for sharing! Let's play again! (Continue with each child and repeat as desired.) You named lots of wonderful things that give us joy."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Did you know that God can give us joy all the time? It's true. We'll hear more about that in our Bible Story today. Come with me."

MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart
is good medicine."

PROVERBS 17:22, ESV

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by counting to three and then calling out a child's name. Once a child's name is called, encourage them to name something that gives them joy. Repeat so that every child has a turn.

KEY QUESTION

Who can have joy all the time?

BOTTOM LINE

I can have joy all the time.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.



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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

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



1. JOY IN MY HEART

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Joy in My Heart" Activity Page, cardstock, party blowers, washable markers or dot markers, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Joy in My Heart" on cardstock and cut, one per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask children to color the heart cutouts. Then, help them slide the heart cutouts onto their blowers. Clean hands as needed. Say the verse together several times.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Say the Memory Verse with the motions one more time, and encourage children to blow their horns. Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, join me over here! Let's do the motions as we say our verse together. Everybody ready? '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: "I have something neat for us to make today. It's a heart party blower with our verse on it. Decorate both sides of your heart with the markers. (*Pause.*) Great job, friends! Now, slide the heart onto your party blower like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Yay! Let's say the words to our verse. 'A joyful heart is good medicine,' Proverbs 17:22. Super-duper!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Our Memory Verse teaches us that we can have joy all the time because God loves us. **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time.** 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.*) **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



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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: Encourage the children to pretend to be any animal they want to be as you lead them 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 things God made.

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 pretend to be animals. Think about what animal you want to be. Maybe a lion or a bunny rabbit or a bird flying through the air! I'm going to pretend to be a (*name your animal*). Now you choose what you want to be and follow me to our Small Group spot! (*Pretend to be an animal as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) That was fun! Now I need all of you animals to be boys and girls again so we can sit down and 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, King David loved God. And he liked to write songs to God. One time he wrote a song because everywhere he looked he saw things God made that gave him joy. When King David saw the sun, he thought of God and had joy! When King David saw the stars, he thought of God and had joy! When King David saw people, he thought of God and had joy! Do you know what that means? We can have joy when we see what God has made too! And since we can see what God has made all the time, we can have joy all the time! **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time!** Yay! (*Clap.*)"

"All of this talk about joy makes me want to say the Bible verse we've been 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.*) Wow! Joy is like good medicine that makes you feel better! Stand up with me and let's say our 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.*)"



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(6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

"Hearing you say that Bible verse gives me joy! (*Give high fives.*) 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 things God has made, because we can have joy when we see the things God has made! When I say your name, tell me one thing God has made 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: "Look at all of the things God has made! (*Hold up journal.*) Let's pray and celebrate God together! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, You are amazing! No one can make things like You can. You made the whole world and everything in it! Thank You for making (*read the list the children made*). Help us think of You and have joy every time we see the things You have made. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."