



WEEK  
**ONE**  
JUNE 2024

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME



**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**  
[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**  
**Ask:**

- What does joy mean to you?
- When you think of Jesus as your shepherd, what comes to mind?
- What is something you can celebrate today?
- Name some large and small ways God is at work around us. How does that help you to have joy?

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY**

**Lost and Found**  
The Story of the Lost Sheep  
Luke 15:1-7

**TODAY'S KEY QUESTION**

What does joy mean to you?

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

We can have joy because of Jesus.

**MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE**

**"A cheerful heart makes you healthy. But a broken spirit dries you up."**  
Proverbs 17:22, NIRV

**MONTHLY VIRTUE**

**Joy—Choosing to celebrate what God is doing**

**BASIC TRUTH**

**I can trust God no matter what.**



**MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER**  
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Pencils, "C3L3B@@T3! (CELEBRATE!)" Activity Page

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each kid a pencil and a "C3L3B@@T3! (CELEBRATE!)" Activity Page.
- Invite kids to try to read the phrases on the top of the Activity Page.
  - Point out that for the words to make sense, they had to look at the numbers and symbols in a different way.
  - Answers: Celebrate, I love Jesus!, You make me smile (happy), Jesus is my Shepherd, Start the party!
- Remind kids that followers of Jesus choose to look at life differently by looking for ways God is at work around us every day and to celebrate it.
- Ask kids to share ways they have seen God at work around them.
  - If needed, prompt ideas by suggesting they think about how God cares, protects, provides, answers their prayers, and teaches them.
  - Point them in the direction of things they are thankful for, then reflect on how that is evidence of God at work on their behalf.
- Direct kids' attention to the framed box on their Activity Page. Invite them to write a short phrase that expresses one of the ideas that was shared. Tell them to use numbers and symbols to replace some of the letters.
- As kids finish, tell them to trade papers with someone and see if they can read what each other wrote.
- Review some of the things kids wrote then take a moment to pray.
  - Invite any kids who are comfortable doing so to pray aloud as others pray silently.
- Close your group in prayer, thanking God for showing up in our lives and giving us so much to celebrate.