



# Start the Party

Celebrate the Good News

WEEK  
**TWO**  
JUNE 2024

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME



### 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]  
WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:  
Ask:

- What are some things you know about God’s character that you can celebrate right now?
- What can you do to help you remember what God has done in your life?
- When things don’t turn out as you had hoped, why can you still celebrate?
- Describe a celebration you could have to show thanks to God.

### TODAY’S BIBLE STORY

Over and Over  
Feast of Booths  
Deuteronomy 16:13-17

### TODAY’S KEY QUESTION

How can you remember to be joyful?

### TODAY’S BOTTOM LINE

Make a habit of choosing joy.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

“A cheerful heart makes you healthy. But a broken spirit dries you up.”  
Proverbs 17:22, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Joy—Choosing to celebrate what God is doing

### BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice.



### 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]  
WHAT YOU NEED: Bible

WHAT YOU DO:

- Read Proverbs 17:22 from the Bible aloud to the group.
- Invite kids to say the first part of the verse together then pause to allow them a moment to reflect and pray as they focus on ways they’ve seen God’s care and love for them this week.
- Invite kids to say the second part of the verse. Remind them that building the habit of choosing joy is most difficult when things are not going our way. That’s when we need to stop and remember what God has done for us.
- Encourage kids to ask God to help them with a situation they are facing that is troubling them right now and making it hard for them to feel joyful.
- Invite kids who are willing to do so to pray out loud while encouraging the others to pray silently. Remind them that God hears our prayers whether we speak them out loud or in our thoughts.
- Close by praying for each of the kids to build the habit of being joyful and find ways to celebrate Jesus this week.