



WEEK
FOUR
JUNE 2024

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME



TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Look Around
Joy in the Psalms
Psalms 8, 16, and 19

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When is it hard to find joy?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Find joy in what you see around you.

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.



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

WHAT YOU DO:
Ask:

- What do you think are the main reasons people are not joyful?
- Do you think we can be joyful even when we don't *feel* happy? Why or why not?
- What's the best way to change an unhappy attitude to a joyful one?
- If God had only given us one or two senses, which ones do you think are most helpful to finding joy? If someone doesn't experience all five senses, can they still discover the evidence of God around them? How?



5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY] WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Review or teach kids the Five-Fingers-of-Joy to prompt a prayer of gratitude and praise for the ways God shows up all around them.
- Invite kids to hold up five fingers and look around them. (Alternatively, you might invite kids to close their eyes and picture themselves in one of their favorite places—not to suggest that their Small Group isn't their FAVORITE place.)
Think of FIVE things you can SEE.
Think of FOUR things you can HEAR.
Think of THREE things you can SMELL.
Think of TWO things you can TOUCH or FEEL.
Think of ONE thing you can taste.
- Challenge them to acknowledge ways the things they thought of bring them joy.
- Encourage kids to talk to God (silently or aloud) to say thank you for the evidence that God is at work all around them and uses it to bring joy.
- Close in prayer.