



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
JULY 2024

LARGE GROUP  
**K-3**

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### WEEK 4

We wrap up the month with the biggest celebration ever in **Revelation 21, 22:1-5**. John received visions from God about all the things that would one day come, some of which was easier to understand than others. However, John did write that one day there will be no more pain and sadness, and that God will live with us forever.

Bottom Line: **Celebrate what God will do.** When you look at life through current situations, it may be harder to find joy and celebrate, especially if you don't see a way out. Whenever we focus on the things that God has already done for us however, it can help us remember all that God can do and will do in our lives. Now that's something to celebrate!

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**At the End of the Day**  
Heaven  
Revelation 21, 22:1-5

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**"Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!"**  
Philippians 4:4, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

### BASIC TRUTH

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

### Host

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Host
- Bible
- Box(es) with some kind of prize or treat inside (party favors, candy, etc.)
- Enough of the prize and treat for everyone, which you can pass out as you dismiss kids to their families at the end of service
- Several different rolls of birthday wrapping paper—enough to gift wrap the box(es) several times, making sure each layer is a different color
- Tape
- Trash can, for the unwrapped wrapping paper

#### MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room
- Fun, instrumental music (suggestion: "Start the Party" instrumental version)
- Game Show Bell (provided)

#### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

### 3. BIBLE STORY

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Storyteller
- Bible
- Table
- Wrapped gift boxes, with separately wrapped lids, labeled #1 through #5
- The following items should be inside the boxes:
  - Large, rolled-up piece of paper that looks like a letter (in box #1)
  - Toy horn or trumpet (in box #2)
  - Eyeglasses (in box #3; can have clear lenses or no lenses)
  - Red circle and slash symbol so signify "no more," drawn on posterboard and cut out to you can see an object behind it (in box #4)
  - Box of tissues and box of bandages (in box #5)

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### LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

**AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP**

Host enters.

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME**

### OPENER

**HOST:** "Hi, friends! It's another really great day here at [name of your environment]. We've been having so much fun this summer talking about joy!

**SLIDE: VIRTUE**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE**

"We can find joy by **choosing to celebrate what God is doing.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME**

"We can find joy when we read God's Story in the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) We can find joy by talking to God in prayer. We can find joy by looking around to see how God is working in the world around us. And, as we'll talk about today, we can find joy by trusting God and believing that God has a good plan for our future.

*Hold up the wrapped gift.*

"Now, all summer long we've been playing some super-fun party games together. One of my favorite things about a party is giving—and receiving—presents! This game is called 'Pass the Present.'

"Let's start by making a big circle around the room, just like we did last week.

*Note: If you have more than 30 kids, you'll want to play the game with multiple circles.*

"When I say 'go,' you'll start passing the present around the circle. But when you hear this sound . . .



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**AUDIO: GAME SHOW BELL**

“. . . you'll toss the present to the other side of the circle. But first, make sure the person you throw it to is looking at you. Heads up!

*Demonstrate by tossing the present to someone across the circle.*

“And that’s not all. When the lights go off and on, like this . . .

*Turn the lights off and then back on again. (Just do this once and not repeatedly.)*

“. . . whoever is holding the present will stop and unwrap one layer of the wrapping paper. Just lift up the flap and unwrap only the layer of paper that’s on the outside—so you’re only unwrapping one color of paper. Then you'll toss that wrapping paper in the trash can and start passing the present around again. Make sense?

“We'll keep going until we’ve unwrapped all the layers on the present. When we get down to just the box, and the lights go off and on one more time, whoever is holding the present can open the package to reveal what’s inside!

**AUDIO: FUN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (SUGGESTION: “START THE PARTY” INSTRUMENTAL VERSION)**

**AUDIO: GAME SHOW BELL (RANDOMLY, AS NEEDED)**

*Note: You'll need to layer the audio from two different sources. For example, you could open the song and the sound effect in two different QuickTime windows, and have the song playing continuously while you occasionally play the sound effect. Or you could put the sound effect in the audio bin in ProPresenter.*

*Comment on the action as the kids pass the present around the circle. Occasionally, have your audio person randomly play the game show bell sound effect to get kids to toss the present to the other side of the circle. Occasionally, have someone turn the lights off, then on (one time) to cue whoever has the present to unwrap one layer of wrapping paper. (Be ready to help the kids with this if needed.)*

*Once you get down to the unwrapped box, let the next person (when the lights go off and on) open the box and reveal the prize inside.*

“Way to go everybody! That was really fun! You'll all get one of these [prizes] when you leave today. But for now, let’s all stay on our feet and get ready to worship God. Let’s Start the Party and share our joy as we sing!”



10 MINUTES

## WORSHIP

*Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Hi, everybody! There is joy in this place. Jesus is the best source of joy there is. His joy brings strength to our life, and that’s a reason we have to give Him praise. I’m pumped to sing this song with you today because it’s a party song. It’s a celebration song. Let’s sing ‘Happy Day.’ Here we go!

**AUDIO:** “HAPPY DAY REMIX” / TRACK 1 FROM HAPPY DAY REMIX SINGLE

**OPTIONAL VIDEO:** “HAPPY DAY REMIX” LIVE LYRICS VIDEO

“Yes, everything changes with Jesus. He brings us joy every day. Before we continue in worship, watch this.

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE):** LIVE LOUD VIDEO FROM GET REEL

“I’m so thankful for the way God fills us with joy. I love it when we share our joy by singing to God together. As we read in Psalm 71:23: ‘My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you. (NirV) Let’s celebrate what God is doing in our lives. Sing this with me.”

**AUDIO:** “I’VE GOT JOY” / TRACK 6 FROM START THE PARTY

**OPTIONAL VIDEO:** “I’VE GOT JOY” LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO



25 MINUTES

## BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

*Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.*

### SETTING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "Hi, everyone! I've brought some more presents that we can open as we look at today's Bible Story.

*Set out the wrapped gifts on the table, in order. (These boxes should have separately wrapped lids so they're easy to open.)*

"There are some objects in these boxes that will help us think about what God will do in the future . . . which is something that can bring us amazing joy!

*(Flip back to the beginning of the Bible.)* "As we look back through God's Big Story, we see how God created a beautiful, perfect world. People turned away from God, but God had a plan to make things right again. When the time was right, God sent Jesus to be our Savior.

"Jesus showed us the best way to live, by loving God and loving others. Jesus died on the cross for our sins, then came back to life again! Jesus' followers began to spread the news about Him and start new churches everywhere they went.

### JOHN'S VISION

**STORYTELLER:** "Today we'll be looking at the very last book of the Bible, Revelation. *(Hold up Bible.)* Who would like to come up, open this first box, and show us what's inside? Raise your hand if you want to.

*Choose a child to come up and open box #1 to reveal the rolled-up letter. Take the letter from the kid and dismiss them to their seat.*

*(To the kid)* "Thanks, [kid's name]. The book of Revelation was originally a letter written by a man named John.

*Set the letter down on the table.*

"John wrote this letter to a group of churches in Asia Minor, which is a part of the world that we know today as Turkey. The Romans had taken John to live on the Island of Patmos . . . which was basically like putting him in prison. They did this to stop John from telling people about Jesus. John wasn't stuck behind bars, but he couldn't go anywhere.

"John had spent his whole life sharing about the love of Jesus, and even when he was banished to this island, he didn't give up hope. One day, the Holy Spirit gave John a vision.

"Raise your hand if you'd like to open the next box!

*Choose a child to come up and open box #2 to reveal the horn. Take the horn from the kid and dismiss them to their seat.*



25 MINUTES

“John heard a loud voice that sounded like a trumpet. The voice told John to write down what he was about to see, and then send a letter to the seven churches in Asia Minor. When John turned around, he realized that the Person talking to him was Jesus!

*Set the horn down on the table.*

“John fell at Jesus’ feet. Jesus said to him:

*Open the Bible to Revelation 1:17-18 (NirV) and read.*

*“Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One. I was dead. But now look! I am alive for ever and ever!” (NirV)*

### NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

**STORYTELLER:** “John wrote down everything he saw and heard in the vision God gave him. He saw some things that would happen soon, and others that would happen closer to the end of time. Some of the things John saw were terrible. Others were glorious. Most of them were really difficult to understand. But there was one part of the vision that John was most excited to share: the ending.

“Raise your hand if you’d like to come up and open the next box.

*Choose a child to come up and open box #3 to reveal the eyeglasses. Take the glasses from the kid and dismiss them to their seat.*

*Put on the glasses.*

“God had given John the ability to SEE all these amazing things that would happen in the future!

“John said that he saw a new heaven and a new earth, and that God would live there with the people. John wrote:

*Open the Bible to Revelation 21:3 (NirV) and read.*

*I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, “Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God.” (NirV)*

“Of course, we know that God is always with us. But in the time John writes about, we’ll be able to experience God face to face!

*Take off the glasses and set them on the table.*

### ALL THINGS NEW

**STORYTELLER:** “We live in a wonderful world that God created. But we also know that things aren’t always the way they should be. There’s hurt, pain, and sadness that we experience in this life. But in John’s vision, we find out something truly amazing.

“Let me have two of you come up and open these next two boxes. Raise your hand if you want to come up.



25 MINUTES

Choose two kids to come up. Let one of them open box #4 to reveal the circle/slash symbol. Let the other kid open box #5 and find the box of tissues and box of bandages.

"The voice went on to say this:

Open the Bible to Revelation 21:4 (NirV) and read.

"He [God] will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death.' And there will be no more sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be." (NirV)

(To the two kids) "Did you hear that, [kids' names]? No more death. No more sadness. No more crying . . .

Cue the kid to put the circle/slash symbol in front of the tissue box (which the other kid is holding).

. . . or pain.

Cue the kid to put the circle/slash symbol in front of the box of bandages (which the other kid is holding).

Thank the two kids and dismiss them to their seats. Set the props on the table.

"John went on to describe a city filled with joy and celebration. He wrote:

Open the Bible to Revelation 22:3-5 (NirV) and read.

There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. God's servants will serve him. They will see his face. His name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun. The Lord God will give them light. They will rule for ever and ever. (NirV)

"What John saw in his vision is an amazing promise from God: that everything will be made new. ALL of the wrong things will be right in the end. For those who follow Jesus, our future will be filled with the JOY that could only come from our relationship with God.

Move in front of the table as you wrap up.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "I know it's hard for our minds to think about heaven and try to imagine what it'll be like. But we know that God has good things planned for us in the future. We'll get to continue working with God to take care of God's incredible creation. God will have the perfect place for each of us to use the talents and gifts God has given us.

"In the end, God will make right every single thing that's wrong. There will be no death, and no crying or pain . . . only endless joy! And our place in God's story will be amazing.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"So, let's celebrate what God will do!



25 MINUTES

"Will you pray with me?"

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

## PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** "Dear God, thank You for the amazing things You showed John about the future. It makes us feel so good to know that You have good things planned for all who put their faith in You. I know we can't understand it all, but we do know that **[Basic Truth] we can trust You no matter what.** Help us to remember that and to celebrate, even now, the things that You WILL do! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."





25 MINUTES

## CLOSER

*Host enters as Storyteller exits.*

**HOST:** “God has amazing things planned that are WAY bigger and better than we could ever imagine! That’s what John saw in the vision God gave him.

“When you think about the world right now, we’re in the middle of God’s story. This world we live in isn’t perfect. It’s broken. We all experience difficult things. But when we follow Jesus, we KNOW that this is not the end! God has a good future planned for us.

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

“So let’s **celebrate what God will do.**

“The apostle Paul wrote this in 1 Corinthians 2:9:

*Open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NirV) and read.*

*“No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
and no human mind has known.”  
God has prepared these things for those who love him. (NirV)*

“Isn’t that incredible? God has prepared good things for us that we can’t even begin to understand yet.

“And even in our broken and not-perfect world, God is still at work now. We can be a part of what God is doing in the world when we share the love of Jesus. We know that God is with us, and God loves us, always. That is the very best reason to celebrate!

“It’s time for you to head to Small Group now so you can talk with your friends and start celebrating what God will do. Have a great time!”

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

**AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP**