



WEEK
TWO
JULY 2024

SMALL GROUP

2 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



2. SCOOP AND FILL

WHAT YOU NEED: Medium-sized container; blue pom-poms; small, plastic scoops; and six plastic jars

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Fill the container with pom-poms and place in the center of the table.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus helps us have joy.

WEDDING AT CANA
JOHN 2:1-11

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to scoop the pom-poms from the tub and fill each of the six jars.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come over to the table. We have a big container full of blue pom-poms—it reminds me of water!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's see if we can scoop the water into these six jars. *(Pause.)* Wow! Fill each jar to the top. *(Pause.)* Great job, friends! You did such a good job scooping water into these jars! Let's dump the water back into the container and fill them again!" *(Repeat as desired.)*

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today we're going to hear a true story about when Jesus did something amazing with some jars of water. Let's go find out what happens."

MEMORY VERSE

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

LUKE 2:10, ESV

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to scoop and pour water into jars.

KEY QUESTION

Who gives you joy?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus gives me joy.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



2. WAVE AND CHEER

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Crepe paper streamers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Pre-cut streamers in 24-inch lengths, two per child.

BIBLE STORY

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WEDDING AT CANA
JOHN 2:1-11

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to wave their streamers and cheer for Jesus each time you say: "Jesus!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come here, everyone! I have two streamers for you as we review the Bible Story!"

MEMORY VERSE

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

LUKE 2:10, ESV

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Every time I say, 'Jesus,' I want you to wave your streamers, and say, '**Jesus gives me joy!**' Here we go!

"One day, JESUS and His friends, the disciples, went to a wedding party. I said JESUS, so wave and cheer, because **Jesus gives me joy!** Yay! **Jesus gives me joy!** Good job! Put your streamers in your lap now.

"JESUS' mom, Mary, was at the wedding party too! I said JESUS again, so wave and cheer, because **Jesus gives me joy!** Yay! **Jesus gives me joy!**

KEY QUESTION

Who gives you joy?

"Mary knew that there was no more special wedding drink, so she went to JESUS for help. I said JESUS! Wave and cheer, because . . . **Jesus gives me joy!**

"JESUS told the workers what to do. Wave and cheer! **Jesus gives me joy!**

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus gives me joy.

"JESUS turned six jars of water into special wedding drink! Wave and cheer, again! **Jesus gives me joy!**

"Everyone who knew what JESUS did had joy! Wave and cheer one more time! **Jesus gives me joy!**"

BASIC TRUTH

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus gave the people at the wedding party joy! Jesus gives you joy, and (wave streamers) **Jesus gives me joy! Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!** Yay! **Jesus gives me joy!**"



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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



4. JOYFUL SURPRISE
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]
WHAT YOU NEED: "Joyful Surprise" Coloring sheet with pom poms, glue sticks, markers or crayons

WHAT YOU DO: Have each kid color the sheet and allow them to glue pom poms on to the paper.

BIBLE STORY

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WEDDING AT CANA
JOHN 2:1-11

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Joyful Surprise" on light-colored card stock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Allow them to color and place pom poms on the paper in the letters with the glue sticks

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story and Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit at the table with me. I have something special for you to make and take home."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We're going to decorate this This word Joy as a reminder that Jesus gives us joy."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today in our Bible Story, Jesus was at a wedding when they ran out of the special wedding drink. Jesus' mother, Mary, asked Jesus to help, so Jesus did what only He can do. Jesus turned the water into a special wedding drink! Jesus gave the people at the wedding joy, and Jesus can give us joy too. **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy.**"

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1. SING IT OUT

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather with children in a circle in an open area in the room.

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JOHN 2:1-11

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Sing the Memory Verse together to the tune of "Farmer in the Dell" as indicated below.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, we're learning a great Memory Verse this month. Let's say it together with the motions. 'I bring you (move upward-facing palms to one side) good news (move flat hand from chin to palm) of great joy (brush flat hands upward twice) that will be for all the people,' (arms out wide) Luke 2:10. (Open hands like a book.)"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! Now let's sing the Memory Verse!"

(Sing to the tune of "Farmer in the Dell.")

"I bring you good news of great joy.
I bring you good news of great joy.
I bring you good news of great joy,
that will be for all the people!"

"Let's sing it again." (Repeat as desired.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Let's say our verse one more time as we do the motions together. 'I bring you (move upward-facing palms to one side) good news (move flat hand from chin to palm) of great joy (brush flat hands upward twice) that will be for all the people,' (arms out wide) Luke 2:10. (Open hands like a book.) The good news of great joy is about Jesus, and it's for ALL people! Jesus helps us have joy. **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!** One more time: **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!"**

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