



WEEK  
**THREE**  
JULY 2024

SMALL GROUP  
**2** YEAR  
-OLDS

PRELUDE      SOCIAL      WORSHIP      STORY      GROUPS      HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

### MADE TO MOVE

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



### 1. JOY AND JESUS

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Joy and Jesus" Activity Page, cardstock, painter's tape, and heart-shaped beanbags

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Joy and Jesus" on cardstock, one per Small Group.

### BIBLE STORY

I can help my friends have joy.

**BE JOYFUL WITH OTHERS**  
**ROMANS 12:15**

Tape Jesus on the floor in an open area. Create a line on the floor with tape three to five feet from the picture of Jesus to a wall at child's height.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to line up single file behind the tape line and take turns tossing the beanbag to Jesus. Repeat as desired.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Introduce the Bible Story.

### MEMORY VERSE

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

**LUKE 2:10, ESV**

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Come here, friends! We're going to play a fun game. I have beanbags for us to toss to that picture of Jesus. Do you see what shape the beanbags are? That's right, they're hearts! Hearts make me think of love."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Come line up behind the tape. [Child's name], toss the heart down to Jesus. (Pause.) We love Jesus, and we know He brings us joy. Wow, you got the heart so close! Next friend! [Child's name], it's your turn! (Continue with each child.) That was so fun sending our hearts to Jesus. Watching you play that game made me have so much joy."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Today in our Bible Story, we're going to hear how we can help our friends have joy."

### KEY QUESTION

Who gives you joy?

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by encouraging children to show off their joyful smiles.

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus gives me joy.

### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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25 MINUTES

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### 3. JESUS GIVES ME JOY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Stand together in a circle with the children.

### BIBLE STORY

I can help my friends have joy.

**BE JOYFUL WITH OTHERS**  
**ROMANS 12:15**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to hold hands and sing the song together to the tune of "Ring Around the Rosie." Jump in and out of the circle as the song instructs. Repeat as desired.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bottom Line.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, come stand in a circle with me. I have a fun song for us to sing and move to."

### MEMORY VERSE

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

**LUKE 2:10, ESV**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Everybody, hold hands, you can swing them back and forth like this as we sing. (*Demonstrate.*) Listen to the words and watch what I do! Then, we can all do it together.

(*Sing to the tune of "Ring Around the Rosie."*)

"Jesus gives me joy, (*Hold hands and swing arms back and forth.*)

Jesus gives me joy. (*Hold hands and swing arms back and forth.*)

Inside, (*Jump into the circle.*)

Outside, (*Jump out of the circle.*)

Jesus gives me joy! (*Hold hands, swing arms back and forth, and end with arms in the air.*)

### KEY QUESTION

Who gives you joy?

"Ready to sing and move with me? Great! (*Repeat several times.*) That was so fun singing with joy!"

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus gives me joy.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Watching all my friends have joy while we sang and moved gave ME joy! We can help each other have joy by loving like Jesus, because Jesus loves us, and Jesus gives us joy. **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!"**

### BASIC TRUTH

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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. JOY HEADBAND**

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "JOY Headband" Activity Page, cardstock, washable markers, heart stamps, washable ink pads, confetti, glue sticks, sentence strips, stapler, clear tape, baby wipes, ; Optional: poster board in place of sentence strips

**BIBLE STORY**

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**BE JOYFUL WITH OTHERS**  
**ROMANS 12:15**

**MEMORY VERSE**

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

**LUKE 2:10, ESV**

**KEY QUESTION**

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**BOTTOM LINE**

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**BASIC TRUTH**

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**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Cite each child's name on their paper. Instead of sentence strips, cut poster board into 2"-3" wide strips.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to glue the cutout to their sentence strip, then decorate both the cutout and sentence strip. Ask children to rub glue on their headband and toss confetti over it as you shout, "**Jesus gives me joy!**" Measure the strip around child's head and staple with the bend closure facing out. Place a piece of tape over the stapled area. Encourage children to wear their headbands.

**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 a fun headband for you to make and wear today."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Glue this cutout to your paper strip. These big letters spell the word 'JOY!' We've been learning about that word—about how Jesus gives us joy! Use the markers and heart stamps to decorate the cutout and strip. (Pause.) Fantastic! Now, do you know what I think of when we celebrate the joy Jesus gives us? Confetti! Rub the glue stick on your headband and we'll add some confetti. (Pause.) Okay friends, here is some confetti. When I count to three, toss your confetti and shout '**Jesus gives me joy!**' Ready? One, two, three! **Jesus gives me joy!** Add any of the extra confetti to your headband. Now let me measure and make it into a headband for you to wear." (Measure to each child's head and staple the ends together with the bend facing out. Cover the bends of the staple with clear tape.)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "In our Bible Story today, Paul taught people that Jesus loves us and can give us joy. He also told us that we can love like Jesus and help our friends have joy. Wear your headband to remember that you can help your friends have joy because Jesus gives us joy. **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy.**"



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### 1. VERSE CELEBRATION

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Hand motions only

**WHAT YOU DO:**  
**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:**

### BIBLE STORY

I can help my friends have joy.

**BE JOYFUL WITH OTHERS**  
**ROMANS 12:15**

on label paper, one label per child.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children spread out in a circle and say the verse with the motions.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bottom Line.

### MEMORY VERSE

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

**LUKE 2:10, ESV**

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, come say the Memory Verse with me as we do 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.*) Great job, friends."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, saying our verse with the motions and celebrating fills me with so much joy because Jesus came to give us all joy! **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!**"

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