

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Tidings of Comfort and Joy**  
Shepherds and Angels  
Luke 2:8-20



### 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- How did Jesus bring joy to the world?
- How can you have joy when things aren't going your way?
- Who do you know who could use some joy?
- How can you help others have joy?

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Who do you know who could use some joy?



### 4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each team a Bible.
- Lead each team to look up the Memory Verse using the Bible Navigation Tips below.

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus brings joy to the world.

***Finding verses with 4th-5th graders:** Our verse is from Philippians. Ask kids to tell you whether that's in the Old Testament or the New Testament. (New) So we know it's toward the back of the Bible. When they find Philippians, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Tell them to find chapter 4. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell them to find verse 4 in chapter 4.*

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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



### 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Index cards, pens or pencils

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Remind kids that at Christmas time there tends to be a big focus on giving and helping others but that we can and should be doing that all year long.
- Tell kids that today's "Christmas in July" celebration is a great reminder that Jesus brought joy to the world and still brings joy to the world.
- Give each kid an index card and a pen or pencil.
- Encourage them to think of someone in their lives who could use some joy. Tell them to write the name of that person on the index card.
- Ask kids to think about ways they can share joy with that person and list their ideas on the index card.
- Close your group in prayer.
- Challenge kids to take their cards home as a reminder to pray for the person they thought of throughout the week. They could pray for opportunities to share joy with them.

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Joy—Choosing to celebrate what God is doing

### BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.