

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**I Heard It Through the Grapevine**  
Wedding at Cana  
John 2:1-11

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Who are the people  
who help you find joy?

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus showed us how to have joy.

### 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.



### 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- What are some ordinary things that give you joy?
- Who are the people who help you find joy?
- Is it easy to choose joy?
- What can sometimes prevent you from feeling joyful?



### 4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the group into two teams and instruct each team to sit together on one side of your group space.



### 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Put kids in pairs and encourage them to spread out in your group space with their partner.
- Tell partners to talk about something that makes it challenging for them to have joy.
  - This could be a particular trial that they are experiencing right now, or it could even be why having joy on a daily basis is challenging.
- Remind kids that having a Small Group at church is a great way to find kids that you can trust, who can listen and understand, and encourage each other to trust God no matter what.
- Give kids time to talk with each other and encourage them to take a few minutes to pray together.
- Once everyone has finished talking and praying, bring the whole group back together and ask if anyone would like to say a prayer for the whole group. (Be sensitive to the fact that kids may not feel comfortable praying in front of others. If no one offers, you can pray for the group.)