

## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Come Rain or Come Shine**  
Be Joyful with Others  
Romans 12:15  
(Supporting: Acts 2:42-47)



### 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- How do you like to celebrate with someone when something exciting happens to them?
- How do you feel when someone you love is having a hard time?
- How can listening and being present with someone when they are feeling sad eventually lead to joy?
- How did Jesus show empathy to others?
- What are ways you can help others find joy?

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

**What are ways you can help others find joy?**

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**You can help others find joy.**

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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



### 4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles, "Party Favor Verses" Activity Page, pens or pencils, party favor or treat bags, assorted party favor items

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Place a stack of cards from the "Party Favor Verses" Activity Page in different parts of your group space, creating 6 areas/stations so that each area/station has the same set of cards in the stack. Also, place the following near each card:
  - A Bible

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

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



### 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Empathy Prayer" Activity Page, pens or pencils, markers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Set out the pens or pencils, markers, stapler, and scissors

### BASIC TRUTH

**I should treat others the way I want to be treated.**

for the group to share.

- Give each kid an "Empathy Prayer" Activity Page.
  - They can use the markers to decorate the front cover of their journal.
  - They can use the stapler to attach the pages together.
- After giving some time to staple and decorate their journals, encourage kids to write a prayer on one of the lined pages about someone they know who could use their empathy.
  - It could be someone experiencing joy that they can celebrate with, or it could be someone who is sad they could be present with.
- Explain that journaling can be a way to talk to God. When we write down our prayers, it can help us focus and organize our thoughts. It can also be a way to go back and see how God answered prayers from our past.
- Let kids know they can take their journals home and use them during their own prayer times.
- Say a prayer for the entire group.