



LOWER ELEMENTARY JUNE

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW:

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN JOY AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

Choose joy! This may be a commonly used phrase you've heard, but what does it *actually* mean? Joy is more than being excited about the good things that happen to us. Joy is an attitude—a decision to trust God no matter what is going on in our lives. From the very beginning, God had a plan for the world. As we dive into the Bible, we'll discover God's plan for us and how God has been at work through it all. When we see and celebrate what God is doing, we can find true joy!

WEEK ONE

BIBLE STORY
The Story of the Lost Sheep
Luke 15:1-7

BOTTOM LINE
We can have joy because of Jesus.

WEEK TWO

BIBLE STORY
Feast of Booths
Deuteronomy 16:13-17

BOTTOM LINE
Make a habit of choosing joy.

WEEK THREE

BIBLE STORY
Ezra and the Rebuilding of the Temple
Ezra 3:10-13

BOTTOM LINE
Celebrate each step of the way.

WEEK FOUR

BIBLE STORY
Joy in the Psalms
Psalms 8, 16, and 19

BOTTOM LINE
Find joy in what you see around you.

WEEK FIVE

BIBLE STORY
God Will Give Us Joy
Habakkuk 3:17-18

BOTTOM LINE
There's always a reason to celebrate.

MEMORY VERSE

"A CHEERFUL HEART MAKES YOU HEALTHY. BUT A BROKEN SPIRIT DRIES YOU UP." PROVERBS 17:22, NIRV



**Start the Party— Celebrate the Good News
Lower Elementary**

Week 2

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Memory Verse

"A cheerful heart makes you healthy. But a broken spirit dries you up."
Proverbs 17:22

Bible Truth

Over and Over (Deuteronomy 16:13-17)

Bottom Line

Make a habit of choosing joy.

Small Group

Booth Builders

NOTES:

- All **yellow highlighted text** are cues for visual and audio slides.
- The text in **red** indicates stage directions.

Start the Party-Week 2 Teaching Outline:

Start at 15 after (if service is expected to be about an hour)

1. Intro: Welcome kids, get them excited.
2. Worship
3. Room Expectations
4. Game Time -Nailed It or Failed It
5. FATW: AKB and Rise
6. Intro: Start the Party- Celebrate the Good News
7. Bible Lesson Video
8. Application
 - Weekly Bottom Line: Make a habit of choosing joy.
 - Memory Verse: "A cheerful heart makes you healthy. But a broken spirit dries you up." Proverbs 17:22
 - Prayer
 - Announcements

Lesson Total: 30 minutes

9. Small Groups: 15 minutes

End on the hour



WELCOME 3 minutes

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatiron Kids! "It's great to be here with you to sing and worship God! Get on your feet and get ready to sing with us. (Welcome kids).

WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

(Encourage kids to worship God through song and dance. Play worship songs).

Show Worship Song: Start the Party

Show Worship Song: Unshakeable

Announcements

Share campus-specific announcements -see your Kids Director for details

ROOM EXPECTATIONS

Show Graphic: Elementary Room Expectations

We want to have all the fun here at Flatiron Kids Ministry! We have a few things that we like to commit to make sure everybody has a good time.

Flatiron Kids Are:

Respectful: We respect everyone and take care of the room and toys we have.

Kind: We treat each other kindly, just like we want to be treated; we go out of our way to be kind to others in the room.

Focused: We listen and follow the leaders in the room and teacher in each activity.

Accountable: None of us are perfect; we will all make mistakes, but we will try our best and choose to change our actions when needed.

Show Graphic: AKB and Rise

We have friends here in the room, in our schools, and in our neighborhoods, but did you know that we have friends all over the world? Here at Flatirons, we do this really cool thing called Friends Around the World. Every month, we learn more about our friends in different places so we can pray for them and give our money to help them with the things they need. Those are both ways to show we love them!

This month, we're learning about our friends at America's Kids Belong and Rise. We'll watch a video that tells how God is using America's Kids Belong and Rise to help kids right here in Colorado.

Show Video: Friends Around the World- AKB Rise

If you brought money this week, bring it up now and put it in our Friends Around the World container. (Collect offering.)

Show Song: Friends Around the World- AKB and Rise

Game Time: Nailed It or Failed It

I'm so excited for today's game! I need everyone to show me a thumbs-up! And now a thumbs-down! We are going to watch these funny videos and choose if the cat nailed it or failed it! Let's see our first one!

INTRO 1 minute

Show Series Graphic: Start the Party- Celebrate the Good News

Hi, everybody! Today we're looking at a habit of joy and celebration that God set up for the Israelite people. (Hold up the Bible). From the very beginning, we see how God created the world -including people. Sadly, people turned away from God, and the world was broken. But even then, God had a plan to fix what was broken and bring us back into a relationship with Him. God chose a man named Abraham and promised to bless the whole world through his family. That family, the Israelites, grew in number. They were enslaved in Egypt, but God rescued them and led them to freedom.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK2_StoryLab

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK2_Bottom Line

How can we make a **habit of choosing joy**? We can find joy when we remind ourselves how much God loves us. God made a way for us to have a forever relationship because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. God wants our lives to be full of joy!

Memory Verse:

Show Verse:

I think it's pretty amazing how God created us to live with joy—as we read in our Memory Verse for this month, Proverbs 17:22.

A cheerful heart makes you healthy. But a broken spirit dries you up. (Proverbs 17:22).

PRAYER

Let's pray together!

Dear God, thank You for the reminder that You've given us so many reasons to have joy. You set up ways for Your people to find joy by celebrating what You had done in their lives. When we're tempted to complain or when things don't go the way we expect, help us to make the wise choice and choose joy! We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

In Small Group, you'll get to make a booth as you review the points from today's Bible story. **(Dismiss kids to their small groups).**

SMALL GROUPS

(Have kids sit down in a circle, in small groups, with volunteer leaders).

Show Timer: Small Group Countdown