



MONTHLY OVERVIEW

Everyone loves a party because parties mean we have something to celebrate. Birthdays, Christmas, a winning season—each party brings so much joy!

This month, we are going to start a party that celebrates the Good News about God! And when God is at the center of our celebration, I can have joy all the time! It doesn't sound possible, at first, but then when we think about God . . . who God is . . . what God has done . . . how much God loves us . . . well, that is worth celebrating! God is worth celebrating! All day, every day! So let's Start The Party! It's time to celebrate the Good News about God.

WEEK ONE	BIBLE STORY Story of the Lost Sheep Luke 15:1-7	STORY FOCUS I can have joy because God loves me.
WEEK TWO	BIBLE STORY Feast of Booths Deuteronomy 16:13-17	STORY FOCUS I can have joy because God helps me.
WEEK THREE	BIBLE STORY Ezra and the Rebuilding of the Temple Ezra 3:10-13	STORY FOCUS I can have joy when I do hard things.
WEEK FOUR	BIBLE STORY Joy in the Psalms * Psalms 8 and 19	STORY FOCUS I can have joy when I see what God has made.
WEEK FIVE	BIBLE STORY God Will Give Us Joy Habakkuk 3:17-18	STORY FOCUS I can have joy no matter what.

**Monthly Story for Toddler Curriculum*

MEMORY VERSE	KEY QUESTION	BOTTOM LINE
"A JOYFUL HEART IS GOOD MEDICINE." PROVERBS 17:22, ESV	WHO CAN HAVE JOY ALL THE TIME?	I CAN HAVE JOY ALL THE TIME.
GOD LOVES ME.		



WEEK
ONE
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRESCHOOL
Week 1 Story Focus:

I can have joy because God loves me. Jesus tells the story of the lost sheep to help us understand just how much God loves us. A shepherd leaves 99 sheep to search for one lost sheep, and when he finds it, he rejoices! God's love for us is big. We want our preschoolers to know that God will always love them, and when we remember how much God loves us, we can have joy all the time.

MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart is good medicine."
Proverbs 17:22, ESV

Bottom Line

I can have joy all the time.

BIBLE TRUTH

Story of the Lost Sheep
I can have joy because God loves Me.
Luke 15:1-7

NOTES

- All **yellow highlighted text** are cues for audio and visual slides.
- You will do rules, worship, and the Bible verse from the stage, and the Bible story will be on video.

Preschool Teaching Outline: Week 1

1. INTRO: Welcome kids, get them excited
 2. Room Rules
 3. Worship
 4. Friends Around the World: America Kids Belong/Rise
 5. Intro: 1-2 minutes
 - a. Start the Party
 6. Bible Lesson Video: **Story of the Lost Sheep**
 7. Application
 - a. I can have joy all the time.
 - b. "A joyful heart is good medicine." Proverbs 17:22
 8. Prayer
 9. Big Group Game:
- LESSON TOTAL: 25 MINUTES
10. Small Groups: 10-15 minutes

WELCOME

Hi friends! My name is [your name], and I'm SO excited to see you today! I'm so glad you're here! Before we get started with today's lesson, let's review our room rules so that we can have a fun day!

RULES

Show Graphic: Preschool Rules

Let's put on our moose antlers and call our friend Dan-o to help us. (Thumbs on either side of your head with fingers splayed.) Daaaaaan-ooooo! (Have kids participate as you do motions.)

- The first rule is: be a friend! (Give yourself a hug as you say the rule.)
- Rule number two is: be safe! (Do baseball gesture for safe.)
- The next rule is: be a good listener! (Cup your ears.)
- Rule number four is: take care of the room and the toys! (Shake your finger while you say the rule.)
- The last rule is: join in! (Spread your arms wide and bring them in.) Let's all join in right now and stand up for worship.

WORSHIP

Let's all join in right now and stand up for worship. Let's do our best singing to let God know how much we love Him!

Show Worship: Start the Party

Show Worship: Great Big God

Great job, friends! You can sit right down.

FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD

Show Graphic: Friends Around the World -AKB and Rise

We have friends here in the room, in our schools, and 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. Let's watch a video about how God is using America's Kids Belong and Rise to help kids right here in Colorado.

Show Video: Friends Around the World- AKB and 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

Show Graphic: Friends Around the World -AKB and Rise

Thanks everyone! Another way we can help our friends is by praying for them. Let's pray! Dear God, thank you for our friends around the world. Please take extra good care of all of these special kids. Help them have all they need. Amen!

INTRO

Show Series Graphic: Start the Party

Hello, friends! I'm SO excited to see you today! I can't wait to share a true story from the Bible with you. Our story begins with Jesus, God's Son. Jesus told a story about a shepherd who went searching for a lost sheep to teach us about how much God loves us. Let's visit our friends at the Clubhouse to hear all about it!

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK1_Start the Party

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: Start the Party

Jesus told this story to teach us that God loves us like the shepherd loved his sheep. Every (hold up one finger) ONE is important to God. That's good news! And that's why we can have joy all the time! Because God loves us all the time!! I can have joy all the time! Say it with me! [Bottom line] **I can have joy all the time!** (kids shout it out)

Bible Verse

(Open Bible.) Look, there is even a Bible verse to remind us!

Show Verse: "A joyful heart is good medicine." Proverbs 17:22

"Let's learn it together. Watch me say it with the motions; then you can do it with me! Ready? Stand up and follow me!

"A joyful (brush flat hands upward twice)
Heart (tap your heart twice with fingertip)
Is good medicine" (move flat hand from chin to palm)
Proverbs 17:22 (open hands like a book.)

(Practice verse a couple of times using whisper voices, silly voices, loud voices, slow, fast, then have kids sit back down, get quiet, fold hands, and close their eyes.)

Great job, everybody! Let's pray.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to teach us how much You love us. Help us remember that we can have joy all the time because You love us all the time. You're the best, God! In Jesus' name. Amen.

BIG GROUP GAME

God loves each one of us! The shepherd in our Bible story loved his sheep so much that he went out to search for the lost one. Let's pretend to be the shepherd! Some sheep are hiding behind rocks. Let's try to find them. Watch the screen closely and see if you can guess which rock the sheep is hiding behind. Here we go.

Show Video: Center_ Hidden Sheep

Show Video: Left_ Hidden Sheep

Show Video: Right_ Hidden Sheep

(Alternate the slides and play a few rounds as time and fun allow.)

SMALL GROUP TIME

Great job! Now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Use your walking feet and find your small group.

Show Graphic: Small Group