



## 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.

<b>WEEK ONE</b>	<b>BIBLE STORY</b> Story of the Lost Sheep Luke 15:1-7	<b>STORY FOCUS</b> I can have joy because God loves me.
<b>WEEK TWO</b>	<b>BIBLE STORY</b> Feast of Booths Deuteronomy 16:13-17	<b>STORY FOCUS</b> I can have joy because God helps me.
<b>WEEK THREE</b>	<b>BIBLE STORY</b> Ezra and the Rebuilding of the Temple Ezra 3:10-13	<b>STORY FOCUS</b> I can have joy when I do hard things.
<b>WEEK FOUR</b>	<b>BIBLE STORY</b> Joy in the Psalms * Psalms 8 and 19	<b>STORY FOCUS</b> I can have joy when I see what God has made.
<b>WEEK FIVE</b>	<b>BIBLE STORY</b> God Will Give Us Joy Habakkuk 3:17-18	<b>STORY FOCUS</b> 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.
<b>GOD LOVES ME.</b>		



WEEK  
**TWO**  
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS  
STAGE

**PRESCHOOL**  
**Week 2 Story Focus:**

**I can have joy because God helps me.** God wanted His people, the Israelites, to take time to thank Him for all He had done. They grew lots of food, but it was God who helped them by providing the sun and rain to help the food grow. So the Israelites got everyone together and celebrated for seven days! We want our preschoolers to know that they can have joy all the time because God helps them.

**MEMORY VERSE**

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

**BOTTOM LINE**

I can have joy all the time.

**BIBLE TRUTH**

Feast of Booths  
I can have joy because God helps me.  
Deuteronomy 16:13-17

**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 2

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: **Feast of Booths**
  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

Welcome, boys and girls. 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

## 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. We'll watch a video about how God uses America's Kids Belong and Rise to help kids 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

We celebrate a lot of things, don't we? We celebrate birthdays! We celebrate Christmas! And we celebrate New Year's Eve! But in our Bible story today, God wanted His people, the Israelites, to celebrate for a different reason. Let's visit Ollie and our friends to hear more!

## BIBLE TRUTH

### Show Video: Video\_WK2\_ Start the Party

## APPLICATION

### Show Series Graphic: Start the Party

Does God still make our food grow? Yes, God still helps us all the time, so we can celebrate God and have joy all the time!

### 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 practice 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)

Great job, everybody! Let's play a game, then we will pray.

## PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for all of the ways You help us every day. We want to stop and celebrate You by saying thank You. You are amazing, God, and we love You! In Jesus' name. Amen.

## BIG GROUP GAME

God made the sunshine and rainfall to help food grow. Let's play a game to help us remember what God has made. I have this really cool die for us to roll. It has different pictures on it. I'll roll the dice, and then we'll do an action to match the picture. Ready? Let's play!

(Throw/roll the dice. Show kids the picture it lands on.)

**Rain cloud:** God made the rainfall to help plants grow. Use your fingers to pretend to make the rain fall (demonstrate).

**Apple tree:** Some plants give us food to eat. Let's pretend to climb this apple tree and pick some apples to eat! (demonstrate)

**Sun:** When the sun shines, it helps the plants grow. Make a circle with your arms over your head like the bright shining sun! (demonstrate)

**Mud:** Plants need dirt to grow and live. Let's use 2 feet to jump in this mud puddle! (demonstrate)

**Heart:** We can have joy all the time because God loves us! Give yourself a big hug. (demonstrate)

**Bottom Line:** Shout the bottom line with me! **I can have joy all the time!** (kids shout along with you)

### **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**