



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
THREE
JUNE 2024

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRESCHOOL
Week 3 Story Focus:

I can have joy when I do hard things. The temple was where God’s people met to learn about God and praise God, but it had been destroyed. So, God’s people decide to rebuild the temple. Temples are really big, and it was going to take a lot of hard work to rebuild it.

But some people started celebrating after the foundation was built! We can be like the people who chose to celebrate. We can look at the good things God is doing and 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

Ezra and the Rebuilding of the Temple

I can have joy when I do hard things.

Ezra 3:10-13

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 3

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: **Ezra and the Rebuilding of the Temple**
7. Application
 - a. I can have joy all the time.
 - b. "A joyful heart is good medicine" Proverbs 17:22
8. Prayer

LESSON TOTAL: 25 MINUTES

9. 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 that tells how God is using America's Kids Belong and Rise to help kids right here in Colorado.

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

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

Today's story begins with a beautiful building called the temple. The temple is where God's people, the Israelites, would meet to learn about God and worship God, kind of like we do here at church. Ollie and our friends at the Clubhouse are ready to tell us all about it.

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK3_Start the Party

We can be like the people who chose to celebrate. We can look at the good things God is doing and have joy! We can play music, sing songs, and say 'thank You' to God. We can have joy all the time—even when we do hard things!

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: Start the Party

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 our verse 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.)

Great job, everybody! Let's pray.

PRAYER

Dear God, help us to see the good and have joy—even when we do hard things. We know You love us and are always with us, and that is worth celebrating all the time! In Jesus' name. Amen.

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