

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.
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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.
FOUR	BIBLE STORY Joy in the Psalms * Psalms 8 and 19	STORY FOCUS I can have joy when I see what God has made.
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.		

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PRESCHOOL Week 4 Story Focus:

I can have joy when I see what God has made. King David loved God, and he liked to write songs to God. One time he wrote a song because everywhere he looked he saw things God made that gave him joy. We can look around and see what God has made too. And we can have joy all the time too!

MEMORY VERSE

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

BOTTOM LINE

I can have joy all the time.

BIBLE TRUTH

Joy in the Psalms I can have joy when I see what God has made. Psalms 8 & 19

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.

- 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: Joy in the Psalms
- 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-oooooo! (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

Ok, let's all join in right now and stand up for worship. Let's do our best singing so we can 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 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.

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

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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 true story from the Bible begins with a king named David. King David loved God, and King David liked to write songs to God. Let's visit Ollie and friends to find out what kind of songs David wrote!

BIBLE TRUTH <mark>Show Video: Video_WK4_ Start the Party</mark>

APPLICATION <mark>Show Series Graphic: Start the Party</mark>

King David had joy when he saw all that God had made. We can have joy when we see what God made too! (Excited pause.) Wait, that means we can have joy all the time because everywhere we look we see things God made! Because God made everything! Wow!

Bible Verse

Show Verse: "A joyful heart is good medicine." Proverbs 17:22 (Open Bible.) Let's practice our Bible verse to help us remember! 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, it gives us so much joy when we look at this amazing world You made. Help us celebrate You like King David did. In Jesus' name. Amen.

BIG GROUP GAME

Let's celebrate like King David! We have these fun party hats to wear. (Have leaders pass party hats out to kids.) Put on your hat, and then we'll do a countdown. When we get to zero, we'll all jump, clap, and shout [bottom line]. I can have joy all the time! Ready? Here we go!

Show video: Countdown