



## 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  
**FIVE**  
JUNE 2024

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

PRECHOOL  
**Week 5 Story Focus:**

**I can have joy no matter what.** Habakkuk reminds us that even when things don't go our way, we can still have joy and celebrate because God loves us. Habakkuk prays to God and says that, even if he couldn't grow any food or his farm didn't have any animals, he could still have joy because God loved him. We want our preschoolers to know they can, too, because God loves them too.

**MEMORY VERSE**

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

**BOTTOM LINE**

I can have joy all the time.

**BIBLE TRUTH**

God will give us joy  
I can have joy no matter what.  
Habakkuk 3:17-18

**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 5

11. INTRO: Welcome kids, get them excited
  12. Room Rules
  13. Worship
  14. Friends Around the World: America Kids Belong/Rise
  15. Intro: 1-2 minutes
    - a. Start the Party
  16. Bible Lesson Video: **God will give us joy.**
  17. Application
    - a. I can have joy all the time.
    - b. "A joyful heart is good medicine" Proverbs 17:22
  18. Prayer
  19. Big Group Game:
- LESSON TOTAL: 25 MINUTES
20. 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

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

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

I'm ready to share today's true story from the Bible. Our story begins with a man named Habakkuk, a man who KNEW God loved him. Let's visit our friends at the Clubhouse to hear all about Habakkuk and how he prayed to God.

### BIBLE TRUTH

#### Show Video: Video\_WK5\_Start the Party

### APPLICATION

#### Show Series Graphic: Start the Party

Habakkuk knew that God loved him all the time, and that's why he could have joy all the time. We know that God loves us all the time, so we can have joy all the time too! That's good news!

So let me hear you say it! **[Bottom line]** I can have joy all the time! **(kids repeat)** Great job!

### 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, having joy all the time can be hard, especially when we don't get what we want, or we can't do what we want to do. But when we remember how much You love us, and that nothing will ever change that, we truly can have joy all the time. Thank You for loving us so much, God. You're the best! In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **BIG GROUP GAME**

Let's remember that we can have joy at all times! We are going to count down and then sing, and dance to our party song one more time to celebrate how much God loves us!

**Show video: Countdown**

**Show song: Start the Party**

## **SMALL GROUP TIME**

Great singing! 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**