



WEEK ONE – JUNE 2024 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *Story of the Lost Sheep | Luke 15:1-7*

Key Question: *Who can have joy all the time?*

Bottom Line: *I can have joy all the time*

Memory Verse: *“I will always love you.” Jeremiah 31:3 CEV*

Basic Truth: *God loves me*

Series Overview: 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.

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

Opening Small Group Activity

Imagine: An activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role-play to enhance their learning

What You Need: “Fluffy Sheep” Activity Page; cotton balls; glue sticks; googly eyes

What You Do:

- Give each child a sheep printout and 2 googly eyes.
- Place cotton balls and crayons in the middle of the group.
- Kids will glue on cotton balls and eyes to complete the sheep.
- Encourage kids to use crayons to add detail (flowers, grass, clouds, etc..)
- Help write names on projects as needed.

What You Say:

- *Look at this picture! There is a head, four legs, and a tail! What do you think this animal is? (Allow kids to answer.) Those are good guesses. It’s a sheep! How cute! But something is missing. What does the sheep need? (Pause and allow kids to answer.) Yes, it needs fluffy wool! He also needs eyes! In our Bible Story today, we learned about a shepherd who had one hundred sheep! That’s a lot of sheep. But one of his sheep went missing, and the shepherd was sad. Show me your sad face (demonstrate). He left all the other sheep and went to find the missing one because he loved each and every one of his sheep. He loved his sheep just like God loves US. Now show me your happy face(demonstrate). We can have joy all the time because we are important to God, and God loves us all the time! Let’s finish our sheep with these cotton balls and fun googly eyes.*

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:15 – 11:45 – LARGE GROUP

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, I can have joy all the time.

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 – SMALL GROUP

Memory Verse With Motions

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

Move: an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Say the memory verse and teach the motions to the children
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Repeat the verse with the motions and invite the children to do it with you
 - Repeat several times
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Review the Bottom Line

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, join me over here. We have a brand-new Memory Verse and motions to learn! Everyone, listen and watch me. ‘A joyful (*brush flat*

hands upward twice) heart (tap chest twice with fingertip) is good medicine,’ (move flat hand from chin to palm) Proverbs 17:22. (Open hands like a book.) Great job!”

- **DURING THE ACTIVITY**
 - “Now let’s do it together! Are you ready? ‘A joyful (*brush flat hands upward twice) heart (tap chest twice with fingertip) is good medicine,’ (move flat hand from chin to palm) Proverbs 17:22. (Open hands like a book.) Nice job. Let’s do it again.” (Repeat several times.)*
- **AFTER THE ACTIVITY**
 - “Our Memory Verse teaches us that a joyful heart is like medicine that makes people feel better. And we can have joy all the time because God loves us. Who can have joy all the time? [*Bottom Line*] I can have joy all the time. Let’s say that one more time, friends. Who can have joy all the time? [*Bottom Line*] I can have joy all the time.”

Color By Number Sheep

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Think: An advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers

What You Need: “Color by Number Sheep” Activity Page; cardstock; and blue, green, and brown washable markers

What You Do:

- **BEFORE THE ACTIVITY**
 - Copy the “Color by Number Sheep” Activity Page onto cardstock, one per child. Place the pages and markers on the table.
- **DURING THE ACTIVITY**
 - Point out the key at the bottom of the page. Review the numbers and their corresponding colors from the key. Emphasize that the number four is to be left white. Encourage children to color their paper.
- **AFTER THE ACTIVITY**
 - Review the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, join me over here. I have a fun page for us to color.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “It’s a color-by-number page. That means that each spot with a number has a color that goes with it. Look at the key at the bottom. Do you see the number one? What color is next to the number one? *(Pause.)* That’s right! So in the picture, when you see a ‘1,’ color it blue. So let’s match up the numbers and colors to see what’s on our page! Can you find the number ‘4’? What color is next to number 4? *(Pause.)* That’s right! There is NO color there. That means when you see a ‘4’ on the page, you can leave it white. Okay, get coloring! *(Pause.)* What did you create? *(Pause.)* A sheep! That’s right!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “In our Bible Story, we learned there was a shepherd who had one hundred sheep, but one was missing! What did the shepherd do? Did he leave the ninety-nine sheep to find the missing sheep? Yes! Because the shepherd loved each and every one of his sheep! The shepherd loves his sheep just like God loves us! God loves us so we can have joy! **Who can have joy all the time? [Bottom Line] I can have joy all the time!**”