



UPPER ELEMENTARY JUNE

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW:

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN JOY AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

Choose joy! This may be a commonly used phrase you've heard, but what does it *actually* mean? Joy is more than being excited about the good things that happen to us. Joy is an attitude—a decision to trust God no matter what is going on in our lives. From the very beginning, God had a plan for the world. As we dive into the Bible, we'll discover God's plan for us and how God has been at work through it all. When we see and celebrate what God is doing, we can find true joy!

WEEK ONE

BIBLE STORY
The Story of the Lost Sheep
Luke 15:1-7

BOTTOM LINE
We can have joy because of Jesus.

WEEK TWO

BIBLE STORY
Feast of Booths
Deuteronomy 16:13-17

BOTTOM LINE
Make a habit of choosing joy.

WEEK THREE

BIBLE STORY
Ezra and the Rebuilding of the Temple
Ezra 3:10-13

BOTTOM LINE
Celebrate each step of the way.

WEEK FOUR

BIBLE STORY
Joy in the Psalms
Psalms 8, 16, and 19

BOTTOM LINE
Find joy in what you see around you.

WEEK FIVE

BIBLE STORY
God Will Give Us Joy
Habakkuk 3:17-18

BOTTOM LINE
There's always a reason to celebrate.

MEMORY VERSE

"A CHEERFUL HEART MAKES YOU HEALTHY. BUT A BROKEN SPIRIT DRIES YOU UP." PROVERBS 17:22, NIRV

**Start the Party—Celebrate the Good News
Upper Elementary**

Week 1

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Memory Verse

“A cheerful heart makes you healthy. But a broken spirit dries you up.”
Proverbs 17:22

Bible Truth

Lost and Found (Luke 15:1-17)

Bottom Line

We can have joy because of Jesus.

Small Group

Joy Finder

NOTES:

- All **yellow highlighted text** are cues for visual and audio slides.
- The text in **red** indicates stage directions.



Start the Party -Week 1 Teaching Outline:

Start at 15 after (if service is expected to be about an hour)

1. Intro: Welcome kids, get them excited.
2. Worship
3. Room Expectations
4. Game Time -Emoji Bible Story
5. FATW: One Child
6. Intro: Start the Party -Celebrate the Good News
7. Bible Lesson Video
8. Application
 - Weekly Bottom Line: We can have joy because of Jesus.
 - Memory Verse: "A cheerful heart makes you healthy. But a broken spirit dries you up." Proverbs 17:22
 - Prayer
 - Announcements

Lesson Total: 30 minutes

9. Small Groups: 15 minutes

End on the hour



WELCOME 3 minutes

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatiron Kids! It's a great day for us to sing and give praises to God. Let's all stand up on our feet as we sing our first Worship song together!

(Welcome kids).

WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

(Encourage kids to worship God through song and dance. Play worship songs).

Show Worship Song: Start the Party

Show Worship Song: Unshakeable

Announcements

Share campus-specific announcements -see your Kids Director for details

ROOM EXPECTATIONS

Show Graphic: Elementary Room Expectations

We want to have all the fun here at Flatiron Kids Ministry! We have a few things that we like to commit to make sure everybody has a good time.

Flatiron Kids Are:

Respectful: We respect everyone and take care of the room and toys we have.

Kind: We treat each other kindly, just like we want to be treated; we go out of our way to be kind to others in the room.

Focused: We listen and follow the leaders in the room and teacher in each activity.

Accountable: None of us are perfect; we will all make mistakes, but we will try our best and choose to change our actions when needed.

Game Time: Emoji Bible Story

We have a super fun game to play today! If you're ready to play I need to hear you cheer! Whoo hooo!! I need two volunteers to play this game! Pick one kid from each side of the room. Then split the room in half to cheer on their teammate.

Show the DYM Emoji Bible Story slides. Whichever kid guesses the Bible story first, wins that round. Consider having different kids play for each round, or having a few kids up on stage from each team to work together!

Wow! That was so much fun! I'm excited to learn more about today's Bible story and also how we can make an impact right here where we live.

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.

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

INTRO 1 minute

Show Series Graphic: Start the Party-Celebrate the Good News

Jesus once told a series of stories about important things that were lost. He told these stories because He wanted people to understand something important about God. And it also happens to be something that can bring a lot of JOY to our lives as well! We can

find these stories in the book of Luke. (Hold up the Bible). Luke, was a doctor who wrote about the things Jesus did and said. He wrote about how Jesus loved and cared for everyone people who had done wrong things.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK1_SoandSo

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK1_Bottom Line

We can have joy because of Jesus. There is nothing we could ever do to make God love us any less. There's no trouble we can get into that is beyond God's reach. God loves us and is always there for us. When we think about the things God has rescued us from and the things God has rescued others from, we can find so much joy!

Memory Verse:

Show Verse:

I think it's pretty amazing how God created us to live with joy—as we read in our Memory Verse for this month, Proverbs 17:22.

A cheerful heart makes you healthy. But a broken spirit dries you up. (Proverbs 17:22).

PRAYER

Let's pray together!

Dear God, You bring us joy every day. You've shown us over and over again that we can trust You no matter what. Thank You so much for the joy we have in Jesus! This story Jesus told about the lost sheep shows us how valuable each person is to You. You sent Jesus to rescue us, because You LOVE us. Help us to remember that always—and to find joy in knowing how much we matter to You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Dismiss kids to their small groups).

SMALL GROUPS

(Have kids sit down in a circle, in small groups, with volunteer leaders).

Show Timer: Small Group Countdown