



## 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 2**

**God View**

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**Memory Verse**

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

**Bible Truth**

Over and Over (Deuteronomy 16:13-17)

**Bottom Line**

Make a habit of choosing joy.

**Small Group**

Joyful Verse

**NOTES:**

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

## Start the Party-Week 2 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 -Nailed It or Failed It
5. FATW: AKB and Rise
6. Intro: Start the Party- Celebrate the Good News
7. Bible Lesson Video
8. Application
  - Weekly Bottom Line: Make a habit of choosing joy.
  - 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 great to be here with you to sing and worship God! Get on your feet and get ready to sing with us. (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.

### **Show Graphic: 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 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**

### **Game Time: Nailed It or Failed It**

I'm so excited for today's game! I need everyone to show me a thumbs-up! And now a thumbs-down! We are going to watch these funny videos and choose if the cat nailed it or failed it! Let's see our first one!

### **INTRO 1 minute**

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

Hi, everybody! Today we're looking at a habit of joy and celebration that God set up for the Israelite people. (Hold up the Bible). From the very beginning, we see how God created the world -including people. Sadly, people turned away from God, and the world was broken. But even then, God had a plan to fix what was broken and bring us back into a relationship with Him. God chose a man named Abraham and promised to bless the whole world through his family. That family, the Israelites grew in number. They were enslaved in Egypt but God rescued them and led them to freedom.

### **BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes**

#### **Show Video: Video\_WK2\_SoandSo**

### **APPLICATION 3 minutes**

#### **Show Graphic: WK2\_Bottom Line**

How can we make a **habit of choosing joy**? We can find joy when we remind ourselves how much God loves us. God made a way for us to have a forever relationship because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. God wants our lives to be full of 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, thank You for the reminder that You've given us so many reasons to have joy. You set up ways for Your people to find joy by celebrating what You had done in their lives. When we're tempted to complain or when things don't go the way we expect, help us to make the wise choice and choose joy! 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**