



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

Week 3

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Memory Verse

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Proverbs 17:22

Bible Truth

Build Your Kingdom Here (Ezra 3:10-13)

Bottom Line

Celebrate each step of the way.

Small Group

Pause to Celebrate

NOTES:

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

Start the Party-Week 3 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 -Head, Shoulders, Knees, Cup!
5. FATW: AKB and Rise
6. Intro: Start the Party - Celebrate the Good News
7. Bible Lesson Video
8. Application
 - Weekly Bottom Line: Celebrate each step of the way.
 - 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! I'm so happy to see you today! Together we get to lift our voices. We get to move our bodies as we dance and jump and clap our hands. Our God is incredible and absolutely amazing! This is your time and moment to sing God's praise. Don't hold anything back. Come on! (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: Game Time

If you're ready for today's game I need you to jump up to your feet and find a partner! Once you have a partner come and get one plastic cup.

Then find some space, face each other and place the cup between you on the floor. I'm going to call out some actions and when I say, "cup" whoever grabs the cup first wins this round! We'll keep playing until we have our final two people and see who wins!

Call out actions such as spin around, jump, touch your head, shoulders, knees, wiggle your shoulders, nod your head, etc.

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

INTRO 1 minute

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

Hi, everyone! It's great to be here to tell you about a joyful time in God's story. (Hold up Bible.) Abraham's family became known as the Israelites or Jewish people. They grew in number and became a great nation. But over and over again, they turned away from God and tried to do things their own way. Eventually, they were captured and taken away to other lands. Some of them ended up being taken captive by the Babylonian Empire. Even then, God promised, through the prophet Jeremiah, that after 70 years, the Jewish people who had been taken captive by the Babylonians would be able to come home again.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK3_SoandSo

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK3_Bottom Line

This Bible story reminds us that we should also celebrate what God has done in our lives. We should stop and pay attention to all the ways God is working in the world around us. **We should celebrate each step of the way.** And know that God is always with us!

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!

God, You are so good and so faithful! You provided for Your people and helped them rebuild the temple foundation and then the temple in Jerusalem. Help us to remember and celebrate all that You've done for Your people throughout history, and all that You've done for us today. Please remind us to stop and say thank You . . . and to celebrate the ways that You're always working in our lives. 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