



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 4

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

Look Around "Joy in the Psalms" (Psalms 8,16, and 19)

Bottom Line

Find joy in what you see around you.

Small Group

Bible Story Extension

NOTES:

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

Start the Party -Week 4 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 - Maze Craze
5. FATW: AKB and Rise
6. Intro: Start the Party - Celebrate the Good News
7. Bible Lesson Video
8. Application
 - Weekly Bottom Line: Find joy in what you see around you.
 - 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 excited to see you here today! We are going to worship God together. Today, let's use everything we have to praise God—our hands, our feet, our words, and our energy . . . but most of all, our hearts.

(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

Who's ready for another fun game this week? I am! Today we are going to play a game called Maze Craze! I need you to really focus and pick the color dot that you think will make it to the center of the maze first! Let's play!

Show Videos: Maze Craze

That was awesome! I loved seeing how you focused on the different colors. Did anyone get it every single time? Now, let's find out how we can make a difference 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

I'm excited to share some words with you from the book of Psalms (hold up Bible) that can help us understand how we can find joy. Some psalms are songs of praise or thanksgiving to God. Others share wisdom.

And many of the psalms are cries for help in a tough situation. We can find amazing truths in the Psalms about who we are . . . Who God is . . . and the incredible world that God created.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK4_SoandSo

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK4_Bottom Line

There are so many ways that we can find joy in the world around us. If we pay attention, we can find joy in what we see . . . hear . . . smell . . . taste . . . and touch. We can find joy in the people we love. We can find joy when we realize that God is the One Who put all of these wonderful things and people in our lives . . . and when we choose to be thankful. Remember we can **find joy in what you see around you!**

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 all the joy You've put in our lives. Thank You for the way we can see Your goodness and love in the world around us—just like David wrote about in the Psalms. We can look at the beautiful world You created . . . our favorite things that we enjoy . . . and the amazing people You've made. Help us to pay attention to the things You've given us that can bring us 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