



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 5

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Memory Verse

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Proverbs 17:22

Bible Truth

Reason to Believe (Habakkuk 3:17-18)

Bottom Line

There's always a reason to celebrate.

Small Group

Joy Journals

NOTES:

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

Start the Party-Week Teaching Outline:

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

10. Intro: Welcome kids, get them excited.

11. Worship

12. Room Expectations

13. Game Time - Wrap It Up

14. FATW: AKB and Rise

15. Intro: Start the Party -Celebrate the Good News

16. Bible Lesson Video

17. Application

- Weekly 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
- Prayer
- Announcements

Lesson Total: 30 minutes

18. 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

Let me hear your cheer if you're ready for this week's game time! Whoo hoo! I need two teams of three volunteers. Select the kids to play. We are going to play a game called Wrap It Up! You are going to have to wrap up your teammate with the streamers as fast as you can. The team who gets their teammate wrapped up the most in the timeframe wins! Let's start our countdown ... Ready...Set...Go!

Let me hear you cheer on your team! Have kids cheer for the two teams. Once the countdown ends, have the kids cheer for which team they think should win. Announce the winner and dismiss the kid's to go sit back down.

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

Today we'll look at a short passage from the Bible that explains where our joy comes from. We find this passage in a book called Habakkuk, which is near the very end of the Old Testament. (Hold up Bible.) This book contains the words of a man named Habakkuk, who was a prophet. Prophets are people who listened to God and spoke what God said to others. The prophets lived and worked throughout the history of God's people.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK5_StoryLab

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK5_Bottom Line

When we face challenges in life, we can choose to trust God . . . as Habakkuk did. We can remember how much God loves us. We can remember how Jesus died on the cross for our sins so we can live forever with God. And that's something to celebrate no matter what is happening around us. **Because there's always a reason to celebrate.**

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 these amazing words that Habakkuk shared. They remind us that our joy doesn't come from things that happen to us. Our TRUE joy comes from You. When things are hard, please help us to remember that You love us, that You're with us, and that You've promised to make everything right in the end. We are so glad to know that we can trust you no matter what! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

In Small Groups, we will make joyful journals as we review all that we have learned about joy!

(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