



WEEK TWO – JUNE 2024 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *Feast of Booths | Deuteronomy 16:13-17*

Key Question: *Who can have joy all the time?*

Bottom Line: *I can have joy all the time*

Memory Verse: *“I will always love you.” Jeremiah 31:3 CEV*

Basic Truth: *God loves me*

Series Overview: This month, we are going to start a party that celebrates the Good News about God! And when God is at the center of our celebration, **I can have joy all the time!** It doesn't sound possible, at first, but then when we think about God . . . who God is . . . what God has done . . . how much God loves us . . . well, that is worth celebrating! God is worth celebrating! All day, every day! So let's **Start The Party!** It's time to celebrate the Good News about God.

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

Opening Small Group Activity

Imagine: An activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role-play to enhance their learning

What You Need: “Fluffy Sheep” Activity Page; cotton balls; glue sticks; googly eyes

What You Do:

- Give Cut streamers in 18” lengths, two per child.
- Give each child two streamers.
- Count to seven and encourage children to shake their streamers
- Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Hello, friends! I am so excited (shake streamers or pom-poms) you are here today! Here are some streamers for you! (Pass out the streamers.) We are going to count all the way to seven, then shake our streamers together.”

Let’s count to seven! When we get to seven, shake your streamers high in the sky! Ready? One, two, three, four, five, six, SEVEN! Everyone shake your streamers! (Pause.) Freeze your streamers and let’s count again. (Repeat as desired.) Fantastic!”

In our Bible Story today, we are going to hear how God’s people celebrated for seven days! Shake your streamers! (Pause.) Awesome! Bring me your streamers and let’s go find out why they celebrated.”

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:15 – 11:45 – LARGE GROUP

Story Focus: I can have joy because God helps me. God wants His people, the Israelites, to take time to thank Him for all He had done. They grew lots of food, but it was God who helped them by providing the sun and rain to help the food grow. So the Israelites got everyone together and celebrated for seven days! We want our preschoolers to know that they can have joy all the time because God helps them.

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 – SMALL GROUP

Rain, Sun + Grow

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

Move: an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Ask children to stand with you.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Lead the children in saying the story chant and doing the actions.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Review the Bible Story + Bottom Line

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Everyone come stand with me!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Our Bible Story was about how God’s people had joy and celebrated all the ways God helped them. God made the sun shine, the rain fall,

and the food grow! We can have joy and celebrate because God helps us too! Let's celebrate together! Just say what I say and do what I do!

- “God makes the rain fall. (*Wiggle fingers as you move them from above your head to in front of you.*)
- “God makes the sun shine. (*Make a big circle with arms above your head.*)
- “God makes the food grow. (*Squat then slowly rise, stretching arms up to the sky.*)
- “God helps me all the time!” (*Give yourself a big hug.*)
- **AFTER THE ACTIVITY**
 - “We can have joy all the time because God loves us and is always helping us. So when I ask you, ‘**Who can have joy all the time?**’, I want you to say, [*Bottom Line*] ‘**I can have joy all the time!**’ Ready? **Who can have joy all the time?** [*Bottom Line*] **I can have joy all the time!** Yay! [*Bottom Line*] **I can have joy all the time!**”

Find the Food

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: “Find the Food” Activity Page, cardstock, and Hula-Hoops®

What You Do:

- **BEFORE THE ACTIVITY**
 - Copy “Find the Food” on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Lay the three Hula-Hoops® on the floor spaced out in your activity area. Place one food picture in each of the Hula-Hoops®.
- **DURING THE ACTIVITY**
 - Walk to each of the Hula-Hoops® and name the food in each. Call out a food and encourage children to gather around the Hula-Hoop® with that food. Once there, say the Memory Verse together as you do the motions. Repeat with the remaining two foods.
- **AFTER THE ACTIVITY**

- Review the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come gather here with me! There are three Hula-Hoops® on the floor and each one has a different food. What food do you see in this Hula-Hoop®? *(Pause.)* It has a picture of [food]. What about this Hula-Hoop®? *(Pause.)* This one has a picture of [food]. And this last one? *(Pause.)* It has a picture of [food].”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Everyone run to the Hula-Hoop® with the [food]. *(Pause.)* Yay! We made it. Now let’s say our Memory Verse together while we do the motions. ‘A joyful *(brush flat hands upward twice)* heart *(tap chest twice with fingertip)* is good medicine,’ *(move flat hand from chin to palm)* Proverbs 17:22. *(Open hands like a book.)* Great job! Now, let’s run to the [food]. *(Pause.)* Great job! Let’s say our Memory Verse again with the motions. ‘A joyful *(brush flat hands upward twice)* heart *(tap chest twice with fingertip)* is good medicine,’ *(move flat hand from chin to palm)* Proverbs 17:22. *(Open hands like a book.)* Last one, run to the [food]! *(Pause.)* Super-duper! Say the verse with me as we do the motions. ‘A joyful *(brush flat hands upward twice)* heart *(tap chest twice with fingertip)* is good medicine,’ *(move flat hand from chin to palm)* Proverbs 17:22. *(Open hands like a book.)* Great job, friends!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “That was fun! Who gives us good food to eat? *(Pause.)* God gives us good food to eat! And who always loves us? *(Pause.)* God! You’ve got it! Because God loves you and me SO much, we can have joy, all the time. Tell me: **Who can have joy all the time? [Bottom Line] I can have joy all the time!**”