

PRESCHOOL

JULY 2024

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

No one likes for a party to end, so let's keep this party going! That means you can keep all of those streamers, hats, and party horns right where they are because we have MORE to celebrate! This month, we're celebrating Jesus because **Jesus gives me joy!**

We're not talking about the happiness you get from a carnival ride or a triple scoop of ice cream kind of joy. We're talking about the joy only Jesus can give! It's the kind of joy that we can have no matter what. It is a joy that lasts forever!

So grab a handful—or two—of confetti. It's time to start the party . . . AGAIN!

ONE	BIBLE STORY Shepherds and Angels * Luke 2:8-20	STORY FOCUS Jesus came to give the world joy.
TWO	BIBLE STORY Wedding at Cana John 2:1-11	story focus Jesus helps us have joy.
THREE	BIBLE STORY Be Joyful with Others Romans 12:15	STORY FOCUS I can help my friends have joy.
FOUR	BIBLE STORY Heaven Revelation 21, 22:1-5; John 14:3	STORY FOCUS I can have joy forever because Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

*Monthly Story for Toddler Curriculum

MEMORY VERSE	KEY QUESTION	BOTTOM LINE
"I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY THAT WILL BE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE." LUKE 2:10, ESV	WHO GIVES YOU JOY?	JESUS GIVES ME JOY.

JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.







PRESCHOOL Week 2

Story Focus:

Jesus helps us have joy. While Jesus, His mom Mary and His disciples are guests at a wedding, the servants run out of the special wedding drink. Jesus' mom went right to the one person she knew could help— Jesus! Jesus did something only He can do and turned six huge jars of water into the special wedding drink. Now, everyone could continue celebrating the bride and groom. Jesus gave the people at the wedding joy, and Jesus can give us joy too

MEMORY VERSE

"I bring good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10, ESV

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus gives me joy.

BIBLE TRUTH

Wedding at Cana Jesus helps us have joy. John 2:1-11

NOTES

- All yellow highlighted text are cues for audio and visual slides.
- You will do rules, worship, and the Bible verse from the stage, and the Bible story will be on video.

Preschool Teaching Outline: Week 2

- 1. INTRO: Welcome kids, get them excited
- 2. Room Rules
- 3. Worship
- 4. Friends Around the World: Local Partner
- 5. Intro: 1-2 minutes
 - a. Start the Party
- 6. Bible Lesson Video: Wedding at Cana
- 7. Application
 - a. Jesus gives me joy.
 - b. "I bring good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10 ESV
- 8. Prayer
- 9. Big Group Game: Color Mixing Jars

LESSON TOTAL: 25 MINUTES

10. Small Groups: 10-15 minutes

WELCOME

Welcome, boys and girls. I'm so glad you're here! Before we get started with today's lesson, let's review our room rules so that we can have a fun day!

RULES

Show Graphic: Preschool Rules

Let's put on our moose antlers and call our friend Dan-o to help us. (Thumbs on either side of your head with fingers splayed.) Daaaaaan-oooooo! (Have kids participate as you do motions.)

- The first rule is: be a friend! (Give yourself a hug as you say the rule.)
- Rule number two is: be safe! (Do baseball gesture for safe.)
- The next rule is: be a good listener! (Cup your ears.)
- Rule number four is: take care of the room and the toys! (Shake your finger while you say the rule.)
- The last rule is: join in! (Spread your arms wide and bring them in.) Let's all join in right now and stand up for worship.

WORSHIP

Let's all join in right now and stand up for worship. Let's do our best singing to let God know how much we love Him!

Show Worship: Jesus Is My Best Friend

Show Worship: Fly

FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD

Show Graphic: Friends Around the World -Local Partner

We have friends here in the room, in our schools, and 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!

(see printout for local partner info)

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-Local Partner

Show Graphic: Friends Around the World -Local Partner

Thanks everyone! Another way we can help our friends is by praying for them. Let's pray! Dear God, thank you for our friends around the world. Please take extra good care of them. Help them have all they need. Amen!

INTRO

Show Series Graphic: Start the Party

We have been celebrating all summer long! Today's true story from the Bible begins at a wedding party where everyone was celebrating a bride and groom, including Jesus. Let's visit our friends at the Clubhouse to hear all about it!

BIBLE TRUTH

Show Video: Video_WK2_ Start the Party

APPLICATION

Show Series Graphic: Start the Party

Wow! Jesus did something amazing! Something only Jesus can do! Jesus gave the people at the wedding joy and Jesus can give us joy too. That's why, when I ask you, 'Who gives you joy?' I want you to say [Bottom Line] 'Jesus gives me joy!' Let's try that! Who gives you joy?"

Bible Verse

(Open Bible.) In the Bible, we read that an angel said, 'I bring you (move upward-facing palms to one side) good news (move flat hand from chin to palm) of great joy (brush flat hands upward twice) that will be for all the people,' (arms out wide) Luke 2:10. (Open hands like a book.) The good news was that Jesus was born!

Show Verse: "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

"Let's learn it together. Watch me say it with the motions; then you can do it with me! Ready? Stand up and follow me!

"I bring you (bring upward facing palms toward your body) good news (move flat hand from chin to palm) of great joy (jazz hands) that will be for all people (open arms wide) Luke 2:10 (open hands like a book.)

(Practice verse a couple of times using whisper voices, silly voices, loud voices, slow, fast, then have kids sit back down, get quiet, fold hands, and close their eyes.)

Great job, everybody! Let's pray.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for Jesus. Thank You that Jesus wants to be our friend forever and that He can help us have joy. You're the best, God! In Jesus' name. Amen.

BIG GROUP GAME

Jesus did something that only He could do! He made a special drink for the wedding celebration. We can't do that, but let's see if we can mix up some special colors in our jars!

(Have 3 jars full of water on stage for kids to see)

I have the colors blue and yellow to add to the water. What color do you think that will make? (wait for responses.) Let's try it out! (add both colors to water a few drops at a time and mix). Wow— it made green! Good guesses!

(Repeat with Blue +Red= Purple and Red+yellow= Orange)

That was fun. Thanks for your help everybody!

SMALL GROUP TIME

Great job! Now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Use your walking feet and find your small group.

Show Graphic: Small Group