

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.
WEEK TWO	BIBLE STORY Wedding at Cana John 2:1-11	STORY FOCUS Jesus helps us have joy.
WEEK 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 3

Story Focus:

I can help my friends have joy. Paul wrote a letter to Jesus' friends, and He told them how they could love like Jesus and help their friends have joy. We can love like Jesus and help our friends have joy when we sit with our friends while they are sad or when we are excited with our friends when they are excited. We can love like Jesus because Jesus loves us and Jesus gives us joy.

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

Be Joyful with Others I can help my friends have joy. Romans 12:15

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.

- 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: Be joyful with others
 - a. Jesus gives me joy.
 - b. "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10 ESV
- 7. Prayer
- 8. Big Group Game: Worship- Jesus is My Best Friend

LESSON TOTAL: 25 MINUTES

9. 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 <mark>Show Series Graphic: Start the Party</mark> Today's true story from the Bible begins with a man named Paul. One day, Paul wrote a letter to Jesus' friends, and he told them how they could love like Jesus and help their friends have joy. Let's visit Ollie and our friends to hear more!

BIBLE TRUTH <mark>Show Video: Video_WK3_ Start the Party</mark>

APPLICATION Show Series Graphic: Start the Party

No matter how our friends feel—sad or happy or any other way—we can help them have joy by loving them like Jesus. Jesus loves us all the time, and Jesus gives us joy! Shout

Bible Verse

(Open Bible.) There's a verse in the Bible to help us remember that Jesus gives us joy.

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.

Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. Jesus is the best friend! He always loves us and helps us have joy. Please help us be a good friend and love like Jesus so we can help others have joy too. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

BIG GROUP GAME

Everyone stand up on your feet! Let's sing our worship song one more time to help us remember that Jesus is our best friend and we can be a good friend to others too!

Show Song: Jesus Is My Best Friend

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