



WEEK
FIVE
JUNE 2024

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. JOY SELF-PORTRAIT
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]
WHAT YOU NEED: "JOY Self-Portrait" Activity Page, cardstock, crayons, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:
BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "JOY Self-Portrait" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to draw a picture of themselves inside the large O.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:
BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We've been learning that we can have joy all the time—no matter what! Come sit at the table and let's create!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "On your paper, there is a very big word—that word is JOY. **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time.** That's right! See all the space inside the 'O' on your paper? (Point to the 'O'.) I want you to draw a picture of yourself in the 'O'. (Pause.) These are fantastic pictures!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today in our story, we learned about a man named Habakkuk. Habakkuk knew that God loved him all the time and that gave Habakkuk joy all the time. We can have joy all the time because God loves us too. **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time.** One more time! **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time.**"

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy no matter what.

**GOD WILL GIVE US JOY
HABAKKUK 3:17-18**

MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart is good medicine."

PROVERBS 17:22, ESV

KEY QUESTION

Who can have joy all the time?

BOTTOM LINE

I can have joy all the time.

BASIC TRUTH

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MADE TO REFLECT
an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, fun-shaped pen, heart stickers, and stickers or handstamp

BIBLE STORY

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Now let's sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Today, I am going to write your names in our prayer journal. When I say your name, you can put a heart sticker by your name in our journal, because God loves you! [Child's name]! (*Spell out name letter-by-letter.*) There! Now you can put this heart by your name because God loves [child's name]! (*Repeat this with each child. Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Look at our names! (*Hold up journal.*) We can have joy all the time because God loves us! Let's pray and thank God for loving us! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for loving (*say each child's name*). Knowing You love us helps us have joy all the time . . . no matter what! You're the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name. Amen."

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