

Joy is choosing to celebrate what God is doing.

Read: Psalm 9:1



DAY

1

Good and Bad

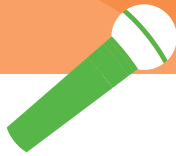
Get a piece of paper and fold it in half. On the left side, draw a picture of something bad that has happened, and on the right, draw a picture of something good that came out of it. For example, your ice cream fell on the ground but the good was that you got a new one.

KNOW that good things can come out of bad things.

DAY

2

Looking Back



When we look back on what God has done, we can see the good. With your adult, have a conversation about things in your life or theirs where they saw good come out of bad. You can also have a chat about people in the Bible who had a hard time, but God was with them. Think through some things you can do when something hard comes your way.

ASK God to help you learn from others about celebrating good things.

DAY

3

Tell Others

Psalm 9:1 talks about giving thanks and celebrating what God has done. Read through this verse out loud. Think of someone that you can tell about what God has done for you!

LOOK for a chance to talk to someone about God.

DAY

4

Reason to Celebrate

Talk to God about the things that you can celebrate! Everything is from God, so give God the glory when something good happens. You can pray your own prayer or pray something like what is below.

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 "Dear God, thank You for *(tell God something you are celebrating)*. I know everything is from You and I am so thankful. I pray that I can always remember to celebrate with You! I love You. Thank You for all you do. Amen."

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THANK God for giving you reasons to celebrate.



There's always a reason to celebrate.

**WRITE SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN
CELEBRATE
ON THE TOP OF THE CAKE!**



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DAY 1

Read Habakkuk 3:17-18

Have you ever had a REALLY bad day? Maybe everything that could go wrong, did go wrong. Maybe that day was today. In today's verses, we find a list of some things that might happen to make for the worst day ever.

In the space below, write your own version of these verses based on some not-so-awesome things that might happen to you. (For example, "My friends left me out" or "I wrecked my bike.")

Four horizontal lines for writing.

That's a pretty crazy list. The truth is, you will face things that are hard or frustrating. But God can help you find joy. Nothing that happens today or a week from now can separate you from God's love. So even if everything on this list actually happens, remember to rely on God because there's always a reason to celebrate.

DAY 2

Read Psalm 145:13

Every year, there are new teachers and different rules. One day though you'll graduate and be on your own with no one in charge of you.

But there is someone Whose authority will never ever end. God is the one true God, who rules forever and ever. And the best part about that is that God is faithful and true. Everything God promises, God WILL do. That means that we can trust God no matter what.

We can have joy and celebrate today because God is good and in charge forever.

Worship With Joy

Kingdom Forever Rule Continue
Lord Promises Faithful Everything

F O R E V E R S R T U A
A B D V F E H J U M P B
I Q C E D R V X L O R D
T L P R O M I S E S N P
H R S Y V D F I S U Q R
F C O T I V P T E B A C
U O R H S U V L N F E D
L N J I O R K S L T M U
U T O N D S N P C O N T
K I N G D O M F D N G O
Q N U I D R F A O P R Y
S U P F J S T A B E L G
K E I N D R L E T F A I

DAY 3

Read Psalm 30:5

Have you ever done something wrong and felt bad about it?

Have you said you were sorry, but the other person didn't seem to forgive you?

Thankfully, God doesn't work that way. When we tell God we're sorry, God ALWAYS forgives. God doesn't love you less when you mess up. God simply loves you. God's love is ready and waiting for you every morning when you wake up.

So, the next time you mess up, admit what you've done and say you're sorry. Remember that no matter what, God LOVES you. And that's always a reason to celebrate.



Vowel Addition

Fill in the missing vowels below to complete the verse. Then read it as a prayer, of thankfulness for God's never-ending love for you.

"H.....sng.....r l.....sts f.....rnly
m.....m.....nt. B.....t h..... f.....v.....r
l.....sts f.....r p.....rs.....n's wh.....l.....
l.....f..... W.....p.....ng c.....n st.....y
f.....r th..... n.....ght. B.....t j.....y c.....
m__sn th..... m.....rn.....ng."

Ps.....lm 30:5, NlrV

DAY 4

Read Psalm 33:21

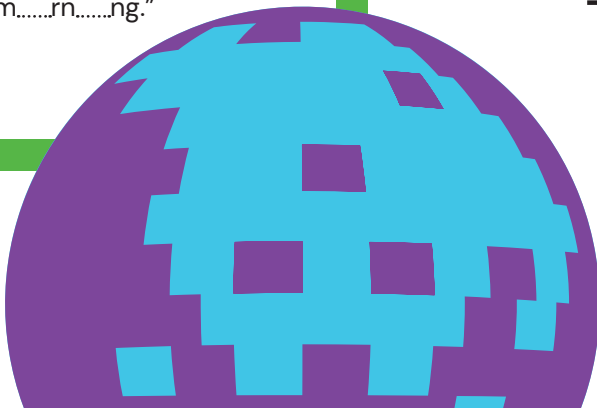
Have you ever been up early enough to watch the sunrise in the morning? Ever noticed the sky changing color as the sun sets at the end of the day? You can always count on the sun to rise in the morning and set in the evening.

God is the one who made the sun and causes it to rise and set. We can trust God, Who is holy (always right and good) and LOVES us. That's a reason to celebrate.



From the Rising of the Sun

Ask an adult to check the weather app to see what time the sun will rise tomorrow. If possible, set an alarm to wake you up early to watch the sun God made come up. As you watch the beauty on display, thank God for loving you and ask for help to celebrate this good day God has made.



There's always
a reason
to celebrate.

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



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Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.
Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.
Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

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Day 2

Read Habakkuk 3:17-18

As you read through, match the photo of the plant or crop with the word that matches it from the verse.



BUD



FOOD



PENS



BARNES



FALL



GRAPES

The idea of an olive crop failing might not mean a lot to the average person nowadays, but when the Bible was written, losing any crops was a **REALLY** big deal. So when Habakkuk said that he could lose all of the crops and animals he mentions in verse 17 and he would **STILL** have joy, it shows that he really got what was most important—and understood that **there's always a reason to celebrate**.

Day 4

Sometime today, get your family together—around the dinner table or before bed or any other time that works for your family.

Go around and have each person share something that happened to them in 2024 that is a reason to celebrate. If anyone has a hard time coming up with an example, talk about it as a family and remind each other that God can give us joy no matter what because **there's always a reason to celebrate**.

End your family discussion with a challenge for everyone to look around tomorrow and find a reason to celebrate. Pick a time and a spot to meet back up tomorrow, and ask your parents if you can have some kind of treat ready to share with everyone—it can be as simple as popsicles or ice cream!



Day 5

Meet up with your family at the time and place you picked yesterday and break out the treat you planned

As everyone is enjoying their treat, ask this question:

What can you celebrate today?

Share with each other the things worth celebrating that you took note of today. If someone gets stuck, revisit Habakkuk 3:18.

“But I will still be glad because of what the Lord has done. God my Savior fills me with joy.”

Lastly, pull out the family calendar and make a plan to celebrate what God is doing at least once a month—while enjoying treats, of course!

Day 3

The prophet Habakkuk had a long list of challenges that still didn't compare to the joy he felt at knowing what God was doing in the world.

Having that kind of trust in God can change how you see everything—even the really hard stuff. Personalize the prayer below, and then take a minute to talk to God.

Dear God, thank You for being a God that I can trust no matter what. Even when I am facing really hard stuff, I can look to You and find peace and joy.

Right now, I am struggling with _____. Please

help me remember that no matter what happens, I can trust You, and I can have joy because Jesus came to be my Savior. In Your Name, I pray.
Amen.