



WEEK
TWO
JULY 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



BIBLE STORY

Jesus helps us have joy.

**WEDDING AT CANA
JOHN 2:1-11**



MEMORY VERSE

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

LUKE 2:10, ESV



KEY QUESTION

Who gives you joy?



BOTTOM LINE

Jesus gives me joy.



BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

5. SPECIAL TURN

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Special Turn" Activity Page, cardstock, washable markers, scissors, brads, and permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Special Turn" on cardstock and cut, one set per child. Make a small cut as indicated by

the "x" on both the jar and the circle. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color their jar and then color half the circle blue and the other half purple. Place the jar on top of the circle, insert the brad and fasten. Demonstrate how to turn the circle to show the change from water to special wedding drink.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Today we heard about something that happened that was so special only Jesus could do it. Let's make a moving picture to help us remember today's story."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "In our story, Jesus, His friends, and His mom were at a wedding party celebrating when the special wedding drink ran out. Jesus' mom asked Jesus to help, so Jesus asked the helpers to fill up six big jars with water. Can you color the jar on your paper? (Pause.) Great! Now, see the line on the circle cutout? Color one side blue for water, and the other side purple, for the special wedding drink. (Pause.) Then, Jesus asked the helper to dip the cup into the jar of water and when he brought it out, it was filled with the special wedding drink! (Attach the two pieces together and demonstrate how to turn it.) You try. (Pause.) Good job! We can turn the paper, but only Jesus can turn water into special wedding drink!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus gave the people at the wedding joy, and Jesus can give us joy too. **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy.** One more time. **Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy.**"



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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

WHAT YOU DO:

Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*)

Today, we're going to make a list of things we need help with. Just like Mary talked to Jesus when she needed help, we can talk to Jesus when we need help too. When I say your name, tell me one thing you need help with, and I will write it in our journal." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Thanks for making this list with me. (*Hold up journal.*) Let's use it when we pray. 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 giving us Jesus to be our friend forever and help us. Knowing we have Jesus is good news that brings great joy! When we need help with things like (*read the list the children made*) help (*say each child's name*) talk to You about it so You can help us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."

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