

CITY SG – December 16- 17, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Repeat the Sounding Joy (Jesus Is Born) • *Luke 2:1-7*

Today's Bottom Line: You can have joy because God sent Jesus.

Monthly Memory Verse: *A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. Isaiah 9:6a (NIRV)*

1. Joy Christmas Ornament Craft

Application Activity



What You Need: “Joy” craft (one per kid)

What You Do:

- Say, “Who remembers our bottom line for today?” You can have JOY because God sent Jesus!
- Say that together a few times.
- Say, “Because of God sending Jesus we can have JOY in ANY situation.”
- Pass out an ornament to each child and have them take the contents out of the bag.
- Have the kids peel off the back of the letters and stick them to the ornament.



- Then peel off the front of each letter and place the pom poms on the letters.
- Help the kids tie the string through the hole.
- Encourage kids to hang this ornament on their tree to remind them that they can have JOY in any situation because God sent Jesus!
- You can start the next Christmas review activity as some kids are still finishing their craft.

2. Christmas Story Review

Bible Story Review

What You Need: “Number to Word Key” Strips in a Christmas Bag (1 per group)

What You Do:

- Ask the kids to gather in a circle.
- Set out the Christmas bag with the strips of paper inside.
- Have one kid take a strip out of the bag.
- Encourage him,/her to share how that word or phrase relates to today’s story.
- Continue playing until all words have been talked about.
- Say, “Just like Mary and Joseph did, we can choose to be happy when things don’t go our way because Jesus came to rescue us from the pain and messiness of our lives and promises to make everything right again! We can have JOY because God sent Jesus.”

3. Pass the Present

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Christmas Box, Bible

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse to the group.
 - *A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. Isaiah 9:6a*
- Guide kids to sit in a large circle.
- Give one kid the box.
- Lead kids to say the verse word by word (with help as needed) as they pass to box to the person next to them. Play a few times, getting faster each time.
- Try it again, but instead of passing the box, toss the box to someone across the circle saying one word of the verse at a time.
- Play as time allows, encouraging kids to say the verse faster each round.

4. Pray

- “Dear God, thank You for reminding us today that Mary and Joseph found a way to be happy, even when things did not go their way. That’s what joy is! Thank You for keeping Your promise to send Your Son. Because of Jesus, our broken relationship with You can be restored, and one day You will make everything right again. Please help us always remember to have joy because You sent Jesus. We pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them the joy craft they made and ask them to recite our main point for today, “I can have joy because God sent Jesus!”