

CITY SG June 8-9, 2024

Due to summer scheduling, these activities can be done in small groups or in one large group led by one leader.

1. Journey Through God's Big Story

What You Need: "Station Pictures" pages (set of 9 per group), "Clues and Questions" Activity Page, (one per group) wall tape

What You Do:

- If you are doing this as a whole group: post the "Station Pictures" Pages in random order around your group space, creating nine stations.
- If you are doing this in a small group: spread the pictures from the "Station Pictures" Activity Page on the floor in your space.
- Instruct the kids to gather in the center.
- Read the first clue from the "Clues and Questions" Activity Page.
- Direct the kids to move near the picture that best describes that clue.
- Once kids have moved, reveal the correct station picture.
- Read the review question associated with the first clue.
- Choose one kid to answer the review question.
- Instruct kids to go back to the center before reading the next clue.
- Repeat until you've moved through each clue and answered all the review questions.

2. Joy Journal Page

What You Need: "Joy Journal Week 2" activity page, pens, markers

- Give each kid a prepared "Joy Journal" Activity Page and a pencil.
- Set out the markers.
- Read the Bottom Line and invite the kids to recite it with you a few times.
 - **Make a habit of choosing joy.**
- Read the prompt to the group: "Draw a picture that shows a habit you want to develop that can bring you joy."
- Invite kids to share habits that can make them feel joyful.
 - For example: Reading a favorite book, spending more time at church, spending time with family, playing a favorite game, etc.
- Tell the kids to hang these somewhere at home to remind them of the joy they have because of Jesus!

3. Memory Verse Roll

What You Need: a soft ball

- Guide kids to sit in a large circle.
- Invite a volunteer to recite the monthly memory verse, then say it a few times together. *"A cheerful heart makes you healthy. But a broken spirit dries you up."* Proverbs 17:22
- Give one kid the ball.
- Lead kids to say the verse word by word (with help as needed) as they pass to ball to the person next to them. Play a few times, getting faster each time.
- Try it again, but instead of passing the ball, roll the ball 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.

***EXTRA TIME COLORING SHEETS**

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

PRAY

- "Dear God, thank You for the big story You're telling—where we can see times of celebrations. Help us choose joy every day. When things are hard, help us to remember You are with us and find joy in that. Thank You for teaching us that celebrating is not just for special times, but something we can do every day. It's medicine to our bodies! That is why we want to **make a habit of choosing joy**. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share their joy journal page!