

June Week 3
Garden
Start the Party

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CRAFT WEEK 3

Building Blocks

SUPPLIES: Temple sheet, building block cutouts, glue sticks

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Pass out Temple sheets.**
 - *"Friends, come over and sit at the table with me. We have a temple to rebuild!"*
 - *"In our Bible Story, God's people had a hard job to do. They had to rebuild the temple where they worshipped God together. Let's pretend the building on your paper is the temple and we are rebuilding it."*
- ⇒ **Pass out glue sticks and building block cutouts. Have children put glue on the bottom of the temple and attach the blocks.**
 - *"We can use these brown blocks. Rub the glue stick under this line (point) on your paper, and then you can start building!"*
 - *"Look! You finished rebuilding the bottom of the temple picture, like the people in our Bible Story."*
- ⇒ **Celebrate, finish building the temple, and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *"Do you remember what some of the people did when they finished rebuilding the first part of the temple? (Pause.) Yes! They stopped building and celebrated with music! They had joy while doing something hard! Let's celebrate with music right now! (Play music and sing together.) I love singing songs to God with you!"*
 - *"Rub more glue on your paper and finish the rest of your temple picture. (Pause.) Hooray! You did it!"*
 - *"You can take your temple pictures home to remind you that we can have joy all the time."*
 - ***Who can have joy all the time?***
I can have joy all the time!"

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ACTIVITY #1

Make a Joyful Noise

SUPPLIES: Instruments

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children gather around the bin of instruments.**

- *“Friends, come make a circle with me on the floor. We are going to celebrate today like the people in our Bible Story!”*

⇒ **Let children choose an instrument and celebrate and make music.**

- *“In our story, they used trumpets and cymbals to make joyful music and celebrate while they were building the temple. Who likes to listen to music to celebrate? (Pause.) I know I do!*
- *“Everybody take an instrument out of the bin but hold it still. (Pause.) Is everybody ready to make a joyful noise?”*
- *Challenge kids to try it:*
 - *Really loud*
 - *Really quiet*
 - *Really fast*
 - *Really slow*
 - *While dancing*
 - *Copying a rhythm*

⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *“Let’s make one last big loud joyful noise! (Pause.) Now put all the instruments back in the bin.*
- ***Who can have joy all the time?***
- ***I can have joy all the time!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Parachute

SUPPLIES: Parachute, Smiley Face Stress Balls, CD Player, Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you around the parachute.**
 - *“Friends, let’s have some fun together! This month we have been learning about how we can have joy all the time. Let’s start the party by putting these smiley faces on the parachute and bouncing them HIGH!”*
- ⇒ **Turn the music on and have children join you in bouncing the parachute: High, low, fast, slow, etc. Each time all the smiley faces bounce off, ask...**
 - *“Who can have joy all the time?”*
 - *I can have joy all the time!”*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Awesome job, friends! That was fun! We can have joy all the time because God loves us!*
 - ***Who can have joy all the time?***
 - ***I can have joy all the time!”***

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READ, ASK, PRACTICE, & PRAY

JUNE WEEK 3

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY

- *I Can Do Anything* by Jeff White

ASK A QUESTION

Who can have joy all the time?

I can have joy all the time!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart is good medicine." Proverbs 17:22

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.