

June Week 3
Backyard
Start the Party

June 16

CRAFT WEEK 3

Building Blocks

SUPPLIES: Temple sheet, building block cutouts, glue sticks, CD player, EC worship CD

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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ACTIVITY #3

Pass the Joy

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

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children sit in a circle in the middle of the room.**

- *"In our true Bible story today, we learned we can have joy because God helps us do hard things! I have a smiley face here to help remind us that we can have joy all the time. We are going to play some music and pass the smiley face around the circle. When the music stops, whoever is holding the smiley face will say our memory verse!"*

⇒ **Play music and pass the smiley face around. Pause music. Have the child holding the smiley face say the memory verse.**

- *"It's your turn to say the memory verse – we can help you!"*
 - *"A joyful heart is good medicine."*
Proverbs 17:22

⇒ **Let the children play until every child has had a turn.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"Wow, boys and girls! It is so great to celebrate and have joy all the time!"*
- ***Who can have joy all the time?***
- ***I can have joy all the time!"***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
JUNE WEEK 3

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *I Can Do Anything* by Jeff White
God is always by our side to help us. And we can have joy all the time because God helps us do hard things.

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - ***Who can have joy all the time?***
 - ***I can have Joy all the time!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - ***“A joyful heart is good medicine.”***
Proverbs 17:22

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ “Today we learned that God can help us do hard things. We’re going to make a list of things that are hard to do. When I say your name, **tell me something you think is hard to do**, and I will write it down.
 - *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Thanks for making this list with me! Let’s use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let’s fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
 - *“Dear God, sometimes we have to do hard things, like (read the list you and the children made). I’m so glad we can have joy all the time, even when we do hard things, because You love us all the time. Help us remember how much You love us the next time we do something hard. It may even help us to sing a song to You while we do the hard things! We love you, God. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*