Start the Party
June 16

# June Week 3 Large Group Prompts

Countdown/Worship Song #1: I Like to

#### **Key Question/Bottom Line:**

Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time!

### **Monthly Bible Verse:**

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

### **Bible Story Intro:**

This month, we are starting the party because God loves us and God is with us and that is a reason to have joy all the time. Today's story begins with a beautiful building called the temple. The temple is where God's people, the Israelites, would meet to learn about God and worship God, kind of like we do here at church. But in our true Bible story, the temple needs a lot of help. Let's find out what happened!

Ollie Video: Ezra and the Rebuilding of the Temple

### **Bible Story Recap**

We can be just like the people in the story who chose to celebrate. We can look at the good things God is doing and have joy! Even when we have to do hard things, we can celebrate that God loves us and God helps us. We can play music, sing songs, and say 'thank You' to God! We can have joy all the time—even when we do hard things!

Boys and Girls, let me ask you that important question one more time – Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time! Again! Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time!

## Sample Prayer:

"Dear God,

Help us to see the good and have joy even when we do hard things. We know you love us and are always with us.

And that is worth celebrating all the time! In Jesus' name, amen.

Worship Song #2: Thank You God for Everything

