

June Week 4
Garden
Start the Party

June 23

CRAFT WEEK 4

Joy In My Heart

SUPPLIES: Heart cutouts, party blowers, crayons/markers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Pass out heart cutouts.**
 - *"I have something neat for us to make today. It's a heart party blower with our verse on it. Decorate both sides of your heart with the crayons."*
- ⇒ **Pass out party blowers. Have children slide the heart cutouts onto their blowers.**
 - *"Great job, friends! Now slide the heart onto your party blower like this. (Demonstrate.) Yay! Let's say the words to our verse. 'A joyful heart is good medicine.' Proverbs 17:22. Wonderful!"*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *Our Memory Verse teaches us that we can have joy all the time because God loves us.*
 - *Let's say our verse and do the motions one more time. 'A joyful (brush flat hands upward twice) heart (tap chest twice with fingertip) is good medicine,' (move flat hand from chin to palm) Proverbs 17:22. (Open hands like a book.)*
 - ***Who can have joy all the time?***
I can have joy all the time!"

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ACTIVITY #1

Wow!

SUPPLIES: Wow! Pictures covered with cardstock, wall tape

SET-UP: Make a 3 x 3 gameboard by taping the nine activity pages onto a wall at child's height

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children gather near the gameboard on the wall.**

- *"Come over here and sit in front of this big gameboard. We're going to play a fun game with it today. Everyone will get a turn to lift one of these flaps and tell us what picture is underneath. When you tell us what the picture is, we will say, 'Wow! God made [name of picture]!' together and celebrate with a cheer. Let's play!"*

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

- *"[Child's name], come lift one of these flaps so we can see what God has made. (Pause.) Tell us what you see. (Pause.) Wow! God made [name of picture]! Say that with me. Wow! God made [name of picture]! Clap to celebrate with me! (Repeat with each child.)*
- *God made all these wonderful things! We can have joy when we look at the things God made."*

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

- *"In today's Bible story, we learned that King David loved God and he liked to write songs to God. One time King David wrote a song because everywhere he looked he saw things God made that gave him joy. We can look around and see what God has made and we can have joy all the time, too!*
- ***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 4

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

- *Thank You, God* by P.K. Hallinan

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.