

June Week 4
Backyard
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. Review the memory verse.**
 - *“Friends, join me over here! Let’s do the motions as we say our verse together. Everybody ready? ‘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.) Great job!” “*
 - *“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 with Cardstock cover (9 per room), 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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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 when we look at all the things God made! 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 4

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *Thank You, God* by P.K. Hallinan
God made so many amazing things. When we look around at all the things God made, we can have joy all the time!

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 made so many amazing things. We’re going to make a list of things God made. When I say your name, **tell me one thing God has made**, and I will write it down.
 - *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Look at all the things God has made! Let’s use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let’s fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
 - *Dear God, You are amazing! No one can make things like You can. You made the whole world and everything in it! Thank You for making (read the list the children made). Help us think of You and have joy every time we see the things You have made. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*