

June Week 5
Garden
Start the Party

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CRAFT WEEK 5

Joy Self Portrait

SUPPLIES: Joy handout, crayons, white board, dry erase markers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Pass out joy handouts.**
- *"We've been learning that we can have joy all the time—no matter what! Come sit at the table and let's create!"*
 - *"On your paper, there is a very big word—that word is JOY. See all the space inside the 'O' on your paper? (Point to the 'O'.) I want you to draw a picture of yourself in the 'O.'"*
 - *(For younger kids, you may need to guide them. Use the white board and dry erase marker to model. "Draw 2 eyes, draw a nose, draw a mouth" etc.)*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
- *"Today in our story, we learned about a man named Habakkuk. Habakkuk knew that God loved him all the time and that gave Habakkuk joy all the time. We can have joy all the time because God loves us too."*
 - ***Who can have joy all the time?***
I can have joy all the time!"

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ACTIVITY #1

Joyful Heart

SUPPLIES: Scarves

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children gather around and get a scarf.**

- *"Friends, come make a circle with me on the floor. We are going to play a game! Everyone take a scarf and get ready to have joy all the time!"*

⇒ **Read scenarios where joy is hard, then remind children God loves them and have them celebrate by dancing with the scarf.**

- *"I'm going to say some times when it might be hard to have joy, but you can have joy anyway because God loves you! Everyone wave your scarf around and dance to remember that **I can have joy all the time!**"*
- *"How do you feel when You can't go outside to play because it's raining? (Pause.) Yes, you might feel [emotion], but you can still have joy all the time because God loves you! Dance around and tell me: **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time!**"*
- *(Repeat with other scenarios)*
 - *You go to the pantry to get your favorite snack and it's not there.*
 - *You can't play with your favorite toy because you can't find it.*
 - *You're sick and have to stay in bed.*
 - *You ask for candy at the store and you can't have any candy today.*
 - *You really want to see your grandparents, but they can't come over today.*
 - *You're hungry but you have to wait to eat.*
 - *You want to play at your friend's house but they are not home.*

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

- *"In our Bible Story today, Habakkuk prayed to God and told God that even if he didn't have figs on his trees, grapes on his vines, or animals on his farm, he would still have joy. Habakkuk knew that God loved him and that gave him joy. God loves us too so 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 #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 5

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

- *God's Great Love for You* by Rick Warren

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.