

**June Week 2**  
Garden  
**Start the Party**

*June 9*

# CRAFT WEEK 2

*All the Time*

**SUPPLIES:** Watches cutout, Velcro dots, crayons

## What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Pass out the watches and crayons.**
  - *“Friends, come over and sit at the table with me. Let’s make a watch today. Do you know what a watch is? (Pause.) A watch is something you wear on your wrist that helps you know what time it is.”*
  
- ⇒ **Have children color their watches. Measure the watch to their wrist and cut it down. Adhere Velcro dots to the ends of the watch to secure the watch around their wrists.**
  - *“Color your watch to decorate it. (Pause.) Great job! When you are done coloring, raise your hand so we can measure it around your wrist. (Cut as needed and add the adhesive dot.) Now your watch is ready to wear! (Help put each child’s watch on.)*
  - *“Your watch can help you remember that YOU can have joy all the time.”*
  - ***Who can have joy all the time?***  
***I can have joy all the time!”***
  
- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *“In our Bible Story today, we heard about God’s people, the Israelites, and how they worked hard and grew a lot of food. God wanted them to take time to celebrate and thank him for the sun and rain that helped their gardens grow! Everyone got together and celebrated for seven days and seven nights! The people had joy because God helped them. We can have joy because God helps us too! But we don’t have to wait to celebrate, we can have joy and celebrate all the time!*
  - ***Who can have joy all the time?***  
***I can have joy all the time!”***

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Gather*

**SUPPLIES:** Toy food, baskets/bins

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Spread toy food on the floor to make a “garden.” Gather kids around.**
  - *“Friends, come over here to my garden. We are going to play a game to help us remember our Bible story today!”*
- ⇒ **Invite kids to pick up food and put it in their basket until all the food is collected. Spread food out again and repeat as interest allows.**
  - *“I need your help collecting all this food! Will you help me? (Pause.) Great! We’re going walk into the garden, pick up one piece of food. Then carry it to the basket and place it inside. Then you’ll go pick up more food. Ready to give it a try? Let’s go!*
  - *“Wow! You’re doing great! (Pause.) Look at all the food we gathered! Great job! Let’s spread it back out and do it again!” (Repeat as interest allows.)*
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *“You worked hard to collect the food, just like the people in our Bible Story. In our story, they thanked God for helping their gardens grow. Can we say ‘Thank You, God’ all together? ‘Thank You, God!’ Great job friends! We can have joy all the time because God helps us.*
  - ***Who can have joy all the time?***
  - ***I can have joy all the time!”***

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Freeze Dancing*

**SUPPLIES:** CD Player, EC Worship CD

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and space out.**
  - *“When I think about how much God loves me, it makes me so joyful I want to dance! I am going to turn on a song and when you hear the music, I want you to DANCE! When the music stops, everyone FREEZE! Let’s practice freezing right now. FREEZE!*
  - *Great job! Are you ready to play? Let’s go!*
  
- ⇒ **Play music and let kids dance. Pause music and have them freeze.**
  - *“FREEZE!*
  - *Who can have joy all the time?*
  - *I can have joy all the time!*
  - *Let’s dance!*
  
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
  
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then bring it back to the bottom line.**
  - *“Great dancing, everyone! I love how joyful you are because God loves you!*
  - *Who can have joy all the time?*
  - *I can have joy all the time!*

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**READ, ASK, PRACTICE, & PRAY**  
**JUNE WEEK 2**

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**

- *I'm Thankful Each Day!* 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.