

June Week 2
Backyard
Start the Party

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CRAFT WEEK 2

All the Time

SUPPLIES: Watches cutout, Velcro dots, crayons/markers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Pass out the watches.**
 - *"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, spatulas/spoons, baskets/bins

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Spread toy food on the floor to make a “garden.” Gather kids around and split them into 3-4 lines.**
 - *“Friends, come over here to my garden. We are going to play a game to help us remember our Bible story today!”*
- ⇒ **Pass out tools to the first kid in each line and have kids relay to pick up a piece of 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! I have these tools for you to use. (Pass out spatulas/spoons to first kid in each group.) We’re going to take turns walking into the garden, scooping up one piece of food like this. (Demonstrate.) Then carry it to the basket and place it inside. Then you’ll give your tool to the next person in line. Ready to give it a try? Let’s go!*
 - *“Wow! You’re doing great! Sometimes it might be hard to scoop the food up, but keep trying! (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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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: Reward Stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!”*

- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - *“First, let’s say it once together. ‘A joyful heart is good medicine.’ Proverbs 17:22*
 - *Now let’s try it...*
 - *Super loud*
 - *Super quiet*
 - *Really fast*
 - *Really Slow*
 - *Jumping up and down*
 - *Running in Place*
 - *All the boys*
 - *All the girls*
 - *Kids only*
 - *Teachers only*

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends!*
 - *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 2

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *I'm Thankful Each Day!* By P.K. Hallinan
God gives us so much to be thankful for! And just like the Israelites in our true Bible story, we can celebrate all God has given us!

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 the people had joy and celebrated because God helped them. God helped their food to grow. The celebration was like a big THANK YOU to God! We're going to make a list of our favorite foods and thank God for them when we pray. When I say your name, **tell me your favorite food**, and I will write it down.
 - *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Wow! This list is making me hungry! Let's use our list when we
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
 - *"Dear God, thank You for making the sun shine. Thank You for making the rain fall. Thank You for making food grow. And thank You for the yummy things we like to eat, like (read the list the children made). Please help us have joy each time we remember all the ways You help us every day. You're the best, God, and we love you. In Jesus' name. Amen."*