

# CITY SG – July 13-14, 2024

*Due to summer scheduling, these activities can be done in small groups or in one large group led by one leader.*

## 1. Joy Is Contagious

**What You Need:** Party items in a bag, and bandana

**What You Do:**

- *If you are doing this as a whole group, divide the kids into smaller groups in circles.*
- Take each item out of the bag and place them in the middle of your space.
- Help the kids to name each item.
- Cover the items with the bandana and guide kids to close and cover their eyes.
- While their eyes are closed, choose one kid to quietly open their eyes to remove and hide one item.
- Invite the other kids to open their eyes.
- Give them a few seconds to silently look and figure out which item is missing.
- Ask the kids to identify the missing item.
- Repeat as time allows.
- Say, “today we talked about a time when Jesus went to a party and something very important was missing!”
- Review the Bible Story by asking:
  - What event were Jesus, His mom, and His new followers attending? *(a wedding feast)*
  - What problem happened at the wedding feast? *(They ran out of wine.)*
  - Who asked Jesus to help? *(His mother, Mary)*
  - What did Jesus do? *(Jesus told the servants to fill six stone jars with water, dip some out, and take it to the person in charge. He had turned the water into wine!)*

## 2. Everyday Joy

**What You Need:** “Everyday Joy” Activity Pages, scissors, markers, a stapler

**What You Do:**

- Give each kid a set of the “Everyday Joy” Activity Pages (3 sheets)
- Say: “We’re going to be creating a journal that will help you share joy in the ordinary, everyday moments!” Cut these 3 pages along the dotted lines.
- Help kids assemble the six pages from the “Everyday Joy” Activity Pages in order and staple the sides like a booklet.
- Set out the coloring supplies.
- Direct kids to color the front of their book.
- Once kids finish coloring, invite them to turn to page one of their journal, read through it together, and give them some time to complete it.

- Say, “You can use these journals throughout the week to remember to celebrate the joy that God gives us— even in the ordinary, everyday moments. Let’s look at the next few pages together.
- Ask: Does anyone want to share one thing that brings them joy? *(Invite responses.)* Can anyone share how God is working in their joy? *(Invite responses.)*

### 3. Memory Verse Motions

*Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be Joyful!*  
*Philippians 4:4*

**What You Need:** no supplies needed

**What You Do:**

- Divide kids into teams of 3-4 kids or keep the whole group together.
- Have kids come up with motions to the words of the verse.
- Assign smaller groups sections of the verse or come up with motions as a whole group,
- Practice the motions to the verse to help memorize it.

## AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

### PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*
- Take some time to pray for these things as a group, then finish with the prayer below...

*God, thank You for giving us the opportunity to celebrate each and every day! You are always at work for our good—even when it’s hard to see. Help us find You in the little moments of our days. Help us to see Your goodness when we’re playing at the park, or doing chores, or even when we find ourselves bored. May we never forget the amazing and important invitation You have given us to this celebration! We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”*

- If there is still time, pass out the Parent Discussion Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the activity at home to bring back next week for a prize.

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive to pick up, ask the kids to show off their everyday journals.