

July Week 2
Garden
Start the Party

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CRAFT WEEK 2

Special Turn

SUPPLIES: Cup and Jar Cutout, Circle Cutout, Brads, Crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Pass out the preassembled crafts. Invite the children to color the jar and cup.**

- *"Friends, come over and sit at the table with me. Today we heard about something that happened that was so special only Jesus could do it. Let's make a moving picture to help us remember today's story."*
- *"In our story, Jesus turned water into a special wedding drink. Do you see how when you spin this circle, part of it is blue for water and part of it is purple for the special wedding drink? You can turn the circle to change the water into special wedding drink just like Jesus!"*
- *"Let's color the cup and jar!"*

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

- *"In our story, Jesus, his friends, and his mom were at a wedding party celebrating when the special wedding drink ran out. Jesus' mom asked Jesus to help, so Jesus asked the helpers to fill up six big jars with water. Can you turn your circle so the blue is showing and it looks like water? (Pause.) Great! Then, Jesus asked the helper to dip the cup into the jar of water and when he brought it out, it was filled with the special wedding drink. Can you turn your circle so the purple is showing and it looks like the special wedding drink? (Pause.) Good job! We can turn the paper, but only Jesus can turn water into special wedding drink!"*
- *Jesus gave the people at the wedding joy, and Jesus can give us joy too.*
- ***Who gives you joy?***
Jesus gives me joy!"

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ACTIVITY #1

Scoop and Fill

SUPPLIES: Container of Blue Pom-Poms, Plastic Spoons, Plastic Cups (6)

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children gather around the bin of pom-poms.**

- *"Friends, come join me over here. We're going to play a game to remind us of our Bible Story today! See this container full of blue pom-poms? We're going to pretend this is water. In our story, Jesus told the helpers to put water in 6 big jars. We're going to use these cups as our jars. Can you count them with me? 1-2-3-4-5-6. Great job!"*

⇒ **Give each child a plastic spoon. Encourage the children to scoop up the blue pom-poms from the container and fill the six cups. Repeat as desired.**

- [If you have more than 10 kids in your room, line kids up at each cup and make it a relay to fill the cups.]
- *"Everybody gets a spoon and we are going to scoop all the water up and put it into our six jars. Try to fill each jar to the top! (Pause.) Great job, friends! You did such a good job scooping water into these jars!"*
- *"Let's dump the water back into the container and fill them again!" (Repeat as desired.*

⇒ **Review the Bible story and bring it back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"In our true Bible Story today, Jesus told the helpers to fill the six jars with water, but when they went to drink the water, Jesus changed the water into a special wedding drink!"*
- *"Jesus did that to give everyone at the party joy, and Jesus gives us joy too!"*
- ***Who gives you joy?***
- ***Jesus gives me joy!"***

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ACTIVITY #2

Joyful News

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children line up on one side of your room facing you on the other side. Explain the rules.**
 - *“Friends, we are going to play a game today about how we can go and tell joyful news! Come over to this side of the room and line up against the wall, facing me.*
 - *Have you ever played the game Red Light, Green Light? It’s a fun game, but I want to change it up a bit! When I say ‘Good News!’ I want you to start walking to me. When I say ‘Stop,’ I want you to freeze right where you are. And I’ll ask our big question: **Who gives you joy?***
Jesus gives me joy!
 - *Are you ready to play?”*
- ⇒ **Play the game and repeat the bottom line each time they’re stopped.**
 - *“Good News! (Pause.) Now Stop! (Pause.) Now tell me:*
 - **Who gives you joy?**
 - **Jesus gives me joy!**
 - *Good News! (Pause.)*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then bring it back to the bottom line.**
 - *“Great job, friends! Jesus gives you joy and that is Good News that we can share with everyone!*
 - **Who gives you joy?**
 - **Jesus gives me joy!**

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READ, ASK, PRACTICE, & PRAY
JULY 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

- *Beginner's Bible "Shepherds Visit" p 277*

ASK A QUESTION

Who gives me joy?

Jesus gives me joy!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

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.