

July Week 2
Backyard
Start the Party

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CRAFT WEEK 2

Special Turn

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

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat at the table. Pass out the circle cutouts and have the kids color them.**
 - *“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. Point to the line on your circle cutout. On one side of the line, color it blue for water. On the other side of the line, color it purple for the special wedding drink.”*
- ⇒ **Pass out cup and jar cutouts. Attach the colored circle to the cup and jar with a brad while children are coloring their cup and jar.**
 - *“Now we are going to color the jars and cups. While you color, we are going to come around and attach your circles to this paper so that the circle will be the water and special wedding drink pouring from the jar into the cup.”*
- ⇒ **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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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. ‘I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.’ Luke 2:10*
 - *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 gives you joy?*
 - *Jesus gives me joy!”*

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

JUNE WEEK 2

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *Beginner's Bible "Jesus' First Miracle" p 314*

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- ***Who gives you Joy?***
- ***Jesus gives me joy!***

⇒ Memory Verse

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

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "In our Bible story today, Mary talked to Jesus when she needed help, and we can talk to Jesus when we need help too! When I say your name, **tell me one thing you need help with**, and I will write it down.

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*

⇒ Thanks for making this list with me. Let's use our list when we pray...

⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- *"Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever and help us. Knowing we have Jesus is good news that brings great joy! When we need help with things like (read the list the children made) help us talk to You about it so You can help us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."*