Start the Party
July 7

## July Week 1 Large Group Prompts

Countdown/Worship Song #1: Friend Forever

**Key Question/Bottom Line:** Teach this for the first time!!

Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!!

**Monthly Bible Verse:** Teach this for the first time!

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

## **Bible Story Intro:**

It's a brand-new month and we are going to keep the party going and talk even more about joy because Jesus gives us so much joy! Today's true Bible story begins on a starry night in a field a long time ago. There were shepherds in the field taking care of sheep when something amazing happened. Let's hear from Ollie and our friends to find out more!

Ollie Video: Shepherds & Angels

## **Bible Story Recap**

Wow! The angels and the shepherds had really Good News to share: Jesus, God's Son, was born and He came to be everyone's friend forever. When the shepherds heard this, it gave them so much joy they had to tell everyone because they wanted Jesus to give everyone joy! Jesus wants to be your friend and my friend forever, and that gives me joy.

Friends, let me ask you that important question one more time – Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy! Let's say it again! Who gives you joy? Jesus gives me joy!

## Sample Prayer:

"Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus to give the world joy. Help us tell everyone the good news about Jesus, like the shepherds did, so they can have joy too. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Worship Song #2: Everyone, Everywhere

