



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy when I see what God has made.

JOY IN THE PSALMS PSALMS 8 AND 19

MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart is good medicine."

PROVERBS 17:22, ESV

KEY QUESTION

Who can have joy all the time?

BOTTOM LINE

I can have joy all the time.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.

Dancing Star
God Made Memory Match
Sounds

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways


"Start the Party"
Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Musical Joy!
Look!
Joyful Tunnel
Joy Tambourine 

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Memory Verse Card
Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)
Parent Cue App



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



1. DANCING STAR

WHAT YOU NEED: Music player, and this month's music

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Gather children in an open area of the room and spread out.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Play music and encourage children to use their arms and body to dance like the sun. Pause the music and ask children to stop and sparkle and shine like a star using their arms and wiggling their fingers.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come join me over here and spread out. We're going to dance like the sun to some fun music."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "When the music starts, spin and dance around like the sun. The sun is big and round and bright! Ready? Dance! *(Pause the music.)* Everyone, stop dancing and use your arms and fingers to shine bright and twinkle like a star. *(Demonstrate.)* Let's do that some more! *(Repeat as desired.)* That was great fun!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Who made the sun and the stars? *(Pause.)* Yes, God! In our Bible story today, we'll hear about someone who had joy when he looked at things God made."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by dancing.

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2. GOD MADE MEMORY MATCH

WHAT YOU NEED: "God Made Memory Match" Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "God Made Memory Match" on cardstock and cut, two sets per Small Group. Shuffle the cards and lay them face down in a grid pattern

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on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: One at a time, let the children take turns turning over two cards to try to find a match. Point to the pictures and identify them. Talk about how these are things God made! If they find a match, remove those two cards, and let another child have a turn. If they do not find a match, return those cards to the grid, face down in the same spots. Make sure each child has a turn. Repeat until all matches have been found. Place all the cards face up and talk about how these are all things God made!

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come gather around the table. All of these cards have pictures of things God made! I want you to turn over two cards to see if you can find a match. Let's take turns."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "[Child's name], turn two cards over. (Pause.) What do you see? Yes, it's a [picture]. God made that! Let's see if you can find its match. (Pause.) Yay! You found it. Let's keep going! [Child's name], turn a card over. (Pause.) What do you see? Yes, it's a [picture]. God made that! Let's see if you can find its match. (Pause.) This is a [picture]. Good try, but we didn't find the match. (Turn cards over and return them to their spots.) [Child's name], turn a card over. (Continue with each child.) That was so fun! You found all the matches. Let's look at all these cards one more time. (Turn all cards face up.) God made (point to each card and name the item with the children)."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God made all of these wonderful things! Today we're going to hear how we can have joy in all God has made."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by naming things God made, and then leading the children to clap and cheer with joy to celebrate what God has made!



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an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts



3. SOUNDS

WHAT YOU NEED: Plastic eggs; basket; a variety of small objects to make sound such as rice, large lima beans, pony beads, large seeds, paperclips, jingle bells, cotton swabs, pom-poms, etc.; and duct tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Put a different filler in each egg.

Be sure there is enough to make a distinct sound. Secure the seams of the eggs with duct tape. Place the eggs in a basket.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to explore the different sounds the eggs make.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Transition to the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, I have something fun for us to do today! What do you see in the basket? *(Pause.)* Yes, they are different plastic eggs."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's all take an egg and shake it. *(Pause.)* Oh, wow! What do you hear? There is something inside of these eggs. But I don't think it's the same thing inside of all of them. Let's take turns shaking the different eggs. Which one do you think is the loudest one? *(Pause.)* Which one is the quietest? *(Pause.)* Which one is your favorite sound? *(Pause.)* These are so fun! Let's shake some more!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Shaking these eggs is making me think of shaking a tambourine. There is a man in the Bible named David who liked to shake a tambourine and write songs to God. We're going to hear about him today. I can't wait!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by shaking your pretend eggs.

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25 MINUTES

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1. MUSICAL JOY!

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool-safe musical instruments

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place instruments in the middle of a table or floor. Gather children in the activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage each child to pick an instrument. Say the Memory Verse with the children as they play musical instruments.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come join me over here. I have a fun way for us to say our Memory Verse today! We get to play these instruments as we say our verse. But before we pick an instrument, let's do the motions as we say our verse. 'A joyful (brush flat hands upward twice) heart (tap chest twice with fingertip) is good medicine;' (move flat hand from chin to palm) Proverbs 17:22. (Open hands like a book.) Great job!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone, go pick an instrument! Then, spread out. (Pause.) Now let's play our instruments as we say our verse. 'A joyful heart is good medicine;' Proverbs 17:22. (Repeat as desired.) Everyone, freeze your instruments. Great job!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Let's say our verse one more time as we do the motions. 'A joyful (brush flat hands upward twice) heart (tap chest twice with fingertip) is good medicine;' (move flat hand from chin to palm) Proverbs 17:22. (Open hands like a book.) **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time!**"

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2. LOOK!

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Look!" Activity Page, cardstock, painter's tape, and confetti

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Look!" on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Tape the pictures around the room at

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child's height.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Call out a picture, and ask children to look for it. When someone finds the picture, gather everyone around the picture and say, "Look! God made the [name of picture]! Yay, God!" And then toss some confetti. Repeat with each picture.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart is good medicine."

PROVERBS 17:22, ESV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone, come stand with me. We're going to play a game!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story, when King David looked at the wonderful things God had made, he had so much joy he wrote songs about God! Let's look for some things God made. Ready? Everyone, look for a . . . sun. Let's all go to the picture of the sun. (Pause.) Let's celebrate that God made the sun! Yay, God! (Clap, cheer, and toss confetti.) Now let's look for a . . . (Repeat with each picture. Continue playing as long as time and interest allow.) That was so much fun celebrating all the wonderful things God made."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "We can have joy all the time when we look at all the wonderful things God has made. **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time!**"

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3. JOYFUL TUNNEL

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Pop-up tunnel

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Stand together in a circle in your activity area around the tunnel.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Call one child into the center of the circle. Push the tunnel down to the floor so the child can step into the center of the tunnel. Encourage the children to help you count to three and guide the tunnel as you let it pop up. Ask: "**Who can have joy all the time?**" Push the tunnel back down to the floor to reveal the child and say: "[Child's name] can have joy all the time!" Repeat with each child.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand in a circle with me around the tunnel."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "[Child's name], join me in the center of the circle. (Push the tunnel down to the ground.) Step into the tunnel. Everyone count to three with me. One, two, three! (Guide the tunnel as it pops up.) **Who can have joy all the time?** (Push the tunnel down to the ground.) [Child's name] can have joy all the time! Step out and go back to the circle. (Continue with each child.) That was so much fun!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our story, we learned when we see the world God made, we can have joy. We can have joy all the time! Tell me: **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time.**"

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25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



4. JOY TAMBOURINE*
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]
WHAT YOU NEED: "Allergy Alert Poster," "Joy Tambourine Label" Activity Page, cardstock, Avery® Labels #5160 or equivalent, paper plates, dot markers, self-inking stamps, stickers, large lima beans, paper bowls, plastic spoons, stapler, washi tape, and a permanent marker

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* Note: Be sure to list the items you will be using today on the "Allergy Alert Poster" (in the Prelude folder) and post it at the door to your room.

WHAT YOU DO: Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock, list lima beans, and post at the door. Copy "Joy Tambourine Label" on label paper, one label per child. Fold each child's plate in half and write their name on the back of the plate. Pour beans into several bowls and place them on the table.

MEMORY VERSE

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to decorate the back of their plate with markers, stickers, and stamps. Ask children to scoop three or four spoonfuls of beans onto their plate. Fold each child's plate and staple the edges together. Ask children to place a piece of washi tape over each of the staples, and add the label to their tambourine.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story.

KEY QUESTION

Who can have joy all the time?

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends! Come join me at the table. Let's make a tambourine to help us celebrate with joy all the things that God made."

BOTTOM LINE

I can have joy all the time.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Use the markers, stamps, and stickers to decorate the back of your plate. (Pause.) Great! Now flip your plate over and scoop three or four spoonfuls of beans onto your plate. (Pause.) We'll fold it together and I'll staple the plate closed. (Pause.) Put a piece of tape over each of the staples. (Pause.) And stick this label on your tambourine—it tells you where you can look in the Bible to find today's story. Give your tambourines a shake and make a joyful noise! (Pause.) We'll shake these again when we review our story."

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today we learned about how King David loved God and wrote songs to Him. David even wrote songs about everything that God made because everything he saw gave him joy! God made the sun, moon, and stars. Wow, God! Shake your tambourines. (Pause.) God made all the people in the world. Wow, God! Shake your tambourines. (Pause.) Let's say, 'thank You' to God for all the wonderful things He made. THANK YOU, GOD! Shake your tambourines. (Pause.) We can look around and thank God for all the things He made, and we can have joy all the time. **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time.**"



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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Activities that encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and begin engaging with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing age-appropriate and hands-on fun while introducing new concepts they will hear in the day's Bible Story.

Prepare to offer one or more of the following activities as preschoolers arrive. Let one or two teachers lead activities in different areas of the room while another teacher greets parents and children at the door.

1. DANCING STAR

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Music player
- This month's music

2. GOD MADE MEMORY MATCH

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- "God Made Memory Match" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

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3. SOUNDS

Made to Explore: An activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Plastic eggs
- Basket
- Variety of small objects to make sound: rice, large lima beans, pony beads, large seeds, paperclips, jingle bells, cotton swabs, pom-poms, etc.
- Duct tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Put a different filler in each egg. Be sure there is enough to make a distinct sound.
- Secure the seams of the eggs with duct tape.
- Place the eggs in a basket.

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect through activities written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Bottom Line introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real-life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or, offer two activities at once and allow half the kids to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.

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- "Joy Tambourine Label" Activity Page
- Avery® Labels #5160 or equivalent
- Paper plates
- Dot markers
- Self-inking stamps
- Stickers
- Large lima beans
- Paper bowls
- Plastic spoons
- Stapler
- Washi tape
- Permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock, list lima beans, and post at the door.
- Copy "Joy Tambourine Label" on label paper, one label per child.
- Fold each child's plate in half and write their name on the back of the plate.
- Pour beans into several bowls and place them on the table.

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's Parent Cue card.
- Copy the Memory Verse Card to hand out or make available to parents.
- Copy "Going Home" and hang it on the door where Small Group Leaders can reference and remind parents of the Bottom Line and Memory Verse as parents pick up their children.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource, the **Parent Cue app**.

FIRST LOOK PINTEREST PAGE

- Visit our Pinterest page to see craft samples and suggested supplies. bit.ly/FL_StartTheParty_June