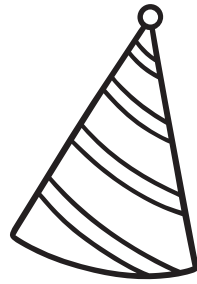


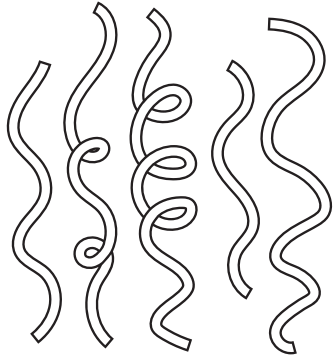
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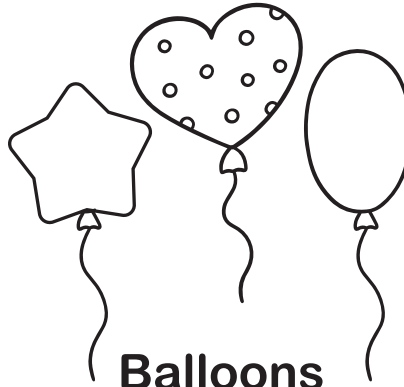
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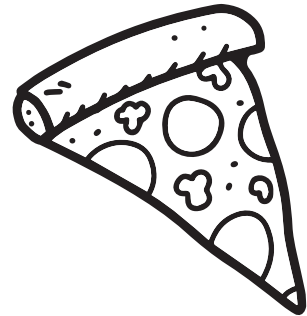
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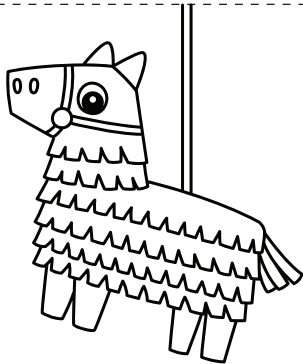
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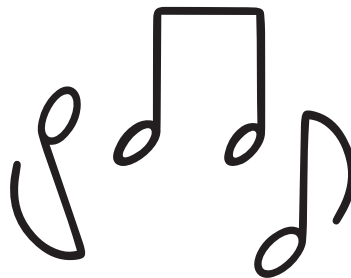
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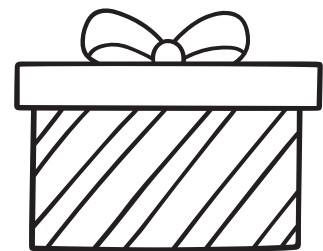
Food



Games



Music



Presents



Goodie bags



Candy



Banner/signs

What to Do:
Print on cardstock and cut apart, one set for each Small Group.

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What to Do:
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What to Do:
Print on paper, one for each Small Group.

"As we review the story, we're also going to pause to [Bottom Line] celebrate each step of the way towards you discovering the hidden picture! Here we go!"

"For a whopping 70 years, the Israelites had been living in a faraway place called Babylon. But God had promised, through the prophet Jeremiah, that after 70 years, they'd be heading back home!

"Let's pause to celebrate this great news and the progress you're making! Grab your streamers! (*Turn on music and celebrate/dance for a few seconds.*)

"The Babylonian Empire was eventually overtaken by the Persian Empire. But God's promise didn't change. God moved the heart of the new Persian king, Cyrus, to favor the Jewish people. Not only did King Cyrus give the thumbs-up for them to go back home, but he also returned thousands of gold and silver dishes that had been taken from God's temple 70 years before. Wow! It's time to grab your streamers again! Let's pause and celebrate!

(Turn on party music and celebrate/dance for a few seconds.)

"Over 40,000 Jewish people came back to Jerusalem, but when they got there they discovered that the walls of Jerusalem were in ruins and the temple was completely destroyed. The people settled in the towns surrounding Jerusalem. Their leaders, especially a guy named Zerubbabel, knew the most important thing was to rebuild the temple—the place where they would come to worship and honor God. So, they honored God by starting with the temple.

"Let's pause to celebrate how they decided to honor God and the progress you are making with your picture!

(Turn on party music and celebrate/dance for a few seconds.)

"Even though it was a bit scary, the people trusted God and built this massive, beautiful altar where they could make offerings to God. And once it was done, they started celebrating the feasts and festivals that God had given to Moses ages ago! Let's pause to celebrate this part of the story and your progress again!

(Turn on party music and celebrate/dance for a few seconds.)

"Next, they built the foundation of the temple. They still had to rebuild the rest of the temple, the city walls, and all of Jerusalem. Talk about a huge task! But you know what they did? Just like when they finished constructing the altar, they threw a massive party! Let's pause to celebrate that they did not give up!

(Turn on party music and celebrate/dance for a few seconds.)

"Finally, the temple foundation was done. The priests and Levites, with trumpets and cymbals, led the people in praising God. Sure, the foundation of the new temple wasn't as fancy as the first one, and they still had a long way to go—it took the builders decades more to finish the entire temple—but the people were bursting with joy because they finished one giant step. They celebrated each step of the way!

"Let's pause to celebrate this amazing story and your progress again!"

(Turn on party music and celebrate/dance for a few seconds.)

**I am still
learning
how to do
this.**

What to Do:

Print on paper, one set for each Small Group.

"Signs" Activity Page

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**I know
how to
do this.**

What to Do:

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"Signs" Activity Page

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**I have
never
tried this.**

What to Do:
Print on paper, one set for each Small Group.

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1. Make your bed
2. Cook
3. Read chapter books
4. Write sentences
5. Add and subtract
6. Use a computer
7. Brush your teeth
8. Read your Bible
9. Pray
10. Play an instrument
11. Get along with your friends or siblings
12. Drive a car
13. Multiply numbers
14. Shop without help

What to Do:

Print on paper, one for each Small Group.

"Skills" Activity Page


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WEEK 1

We can have joy because of Jesus.
 Draw a picture of something that brings you joy!


2



WEEK 2

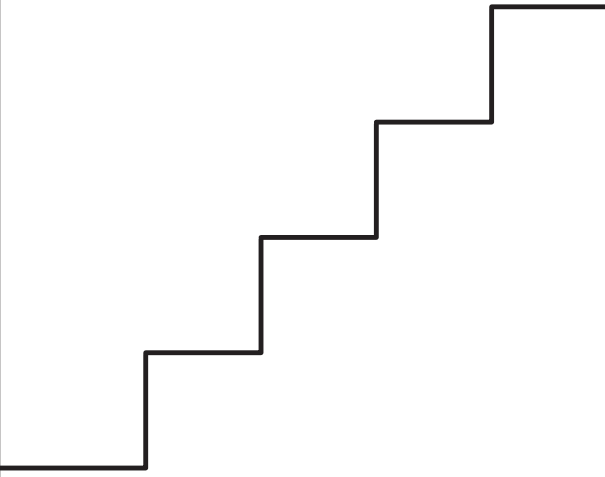
Make a habit of choosing joy.
 Draw a picture that shows a habit you want to develop that can bring you joy.

3



WEEK 3

Celebrate each step of the way.
 Think about new steps for new skills you have learned or tried recently. Write or draw about one on each step below.



4



Find joy in what you see around you.

I can find joy when I SEE

_____ •

I can find joy when I HEAR

_____ •

I can find joy when I TOUCH

_____ •

I can find joy when I SMELL

_____ •

I can find joy when I TASTE

_____ •

5



There's always a reason to celebrate.

Draw or write about a situation that feels scary or uncertain.

6

What to Do:

Print on paper, cut apart, and staple together, one set for each kid.

"Joy Journal" Activity Page

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