

**What to Do:**  
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Your parent just had a last minute trip scheduled for their job so you'll have to post-pone your birthday party. Now everything you had planned will have to change.

Your softball team lost the championship game for your league, and now your team won't get to attend nationals like you had hoped.

When you get home from school, your parents left you a list of chores to get done. You had hoped to be able to try out a new video game, but these chores are going to take all evening.

You and your best friend recently made some money selling friendship bracelets. You planned to use the money to see a new superhero movie together at the theater, but your friend accidentally misplaced the money, and now it's gone.

The last thing you want to do is eat leftovers for dinner again. You've heard your parents complain about the cost of groceries lately, and you understand they're trying to spend their money wisely. But you're so tired of eating chicken casserole - again.

You fall off the monkey bars on the playground and break your ankle. You're going to have to be in a cast all summer! Your plans to spend time at the pool with friends will now have to change.

You decided to run for student council at school. You worked so hard to campaign. You made posters to put up all over the school and gave a great speech at the assembly! Once the election results came in, you discovered that you lost.

You're so glad school is out! You look forward to sleeping in every day until 10am and spending your summer however you want. You're especially excited about having no schedule until you find out that your dad's job has changed, and he won't be working from home anymore. This means you'll have to attend day camp all summer long.

Because your parents are divorced, you feel like you're always going back and forth. It sometimes feels like you don't have one place to call home. You love the time you get with both parents, but you wish things were different.

Today is just an ordinary day. Nothing bad has happened, but nothing especially good, either. Sometimes, it feels more challenging to have joy on normal and plain days like this.

None of the friends you usually play games with online were available. You tried playing without them, but it just does not feel the same.

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**"Feelings Party" Activity Page**

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#1: Jesus was born like the rest of us - growing from a small baby into a kid. Although we don't have many details about his childhood, we do know that as Jesus grew up, He became stronger and wiser, and people around Him grew to love and respect Him. God's love for Jesus grew, too. God was happy to see Jesus teaching others.

#2: In those days, weddings were a super fun occasion; everyone would gather, eat good food, drink wine, and have fun with friends and loved ones. Weddings could last for days and days! The family that was hosting the wedding would be expected to provide food and drinks for everyone at the wedding for the entire time. What a huge responsibility and cost!

#3: Before many people knew about Jesus and who He was, Jesus attended a wedding with his mother, Mary, and some friends who had recently decided to follow Him.

#4: At this particular wedding, a huge problem occurred. The wine had completely run out! While this may not seem like a big deal, in those days, wine was typically served at an event like this because water was often dirty and unsafe to drink. If the host family ran out of something to serve their guests, it could be super embarrassing!

#5: Meanwhile, Mary noticed what happened, and she came up with an idea. Mary knew her son was special, so she decided to make Jesus aware of the problem. Mary expected Jesus to immediately do something. Instead, Jesus responded that His time wasn't ready yet to reveal who He was.

#6: Still, Mary told the servants to do what Jesus told them to do. Jesus told the servants to fill the giant stone jars with water, and then serve those drinks from the jars for the wedding.

#7: When the person in charge tasted the water, they realized that the water inside was not actually water anymore! It had turned into wine! They couldn't believe their eyes! They were completely shocked! "How did that happen?" they wondered.

#8: The guests began drinking the wine and were all pleasantly surprised to taste that it was not just any wine; it was really good! Even the person in charge of the wedding said: "Everyone brings out the best wine first. . . . But you have saved the best until now."

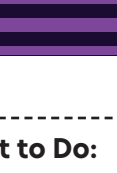
#9: The bride and groom felt relieved that this happened and were saved from feeling embarrassed. The party continued, and the celebration was full of fun until the very end.

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**"All the Feels" Activity Page**

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Jesus wants our joy to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**2** Look up Luke 15:3-7 to fill in the blanks.

Jesus told a story about a \_\_\_\_\_ and explained that there is joy in heaven when a sinner turns away from sin.

**3** Look up John 16:20-22 to fill in the blanks.

Jesus encouraged his disciples and told them their \_\_\_\_\_ would turn into joy. It will be a joy that no one can \_\_\_\_\_ away.

**4** Look up Galatians 5:22-23 to fill in the blanks.

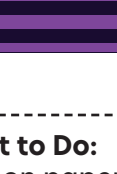
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**5** Look up Philippians 4:4 to fill in the blank.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13





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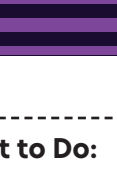
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