2nd-3rd Grade

Joy is choosing to celebrate what God is doing.

DAY 1

Read Habakkuk 3:17–18

Have you ever had a REALLY bad day? Maybe everything that could go wrong, did go wrong. Maybe that day was today. In today's verses, we find a list of some things that might happen to make for the worst day ever.

In the space below, write your own version of these verses based on some not-so-awesome things that might happen to you. (For example, "My friends left me out" or "I wrecked my bike.")

That's a pretty crazy list. The truth is, you will face things that are hard or frustrating. But God can help you find joy. Nothing that happens today or a week from now can separate you from God's love. So even if everything on this list actually happens, remember to rely on God because there's always a reason to celebrate. DAY 2

Read Psalm 145:13

Every year, there are new teachers and different rules. One day though you'll graduate and be on your own with no one in charge of you.

But there is someone Whose authority will never ever end. God is the one true God, who rules forever and ever. And the best part about that is that God is faithful and true. Everything God promises, God WILL do. That means that we can trust God no matter what.

We can have joy and celebrate today because God is good and in charge forever.

Worship With Joy

Kingdom Forever Rule Continue Lord Promises Faithful Everything

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A Devotional on Joy



DAY 3

Read Psalm 30:5

Have you ever done something wrong and felt bad about it?

Have you said you were sorry, but the other person didn't seem to forgive you?

Thankfully, God doesn't work that way. When we tell God we're sorry, God ALWAYS forgives. God doesn't love you less when you mess up. God simply loves you. God's love is ready and waiting for you every morning when you wake up.

So, the next time you mess up, admit what you've done and say you're sorry. Remember that no matter what, God LOVES you. And that's always a reason to celebrate.

Vowel Addition

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Fill in the missing vowels below to complete the verse. Then read it as a prayer, of thankfulness for God's never-ending love for you.

"H.....sng.....r l.....sts f.....rnly m.....m...nt. B.....t h..... f.....v....r l.....sts f.....r p.....rs....n's wh.....l..... l.....f..... W......p....ng c.....n st.....y f.....r th..... n.....ght. B.....t j.....y c..... m__sn th..... m.....rn....ng." Ps.....lm 30:5, NIrV

Read Psalm 33:21

Have you ever been up early enough to watch the sunrise in the morning? Ever noticed the sky changing color as the sun sets at the end of the day? You can always count on the sun to rise in the morning and set in the evening.

God is the one who made the sun and causes it to rise and set. We can trust God, Who is holy (always right and good) and LOVES us. That's a reason to celebrate.

From the Rising of the Sun

Ask an adult to check the weather app to see what time the sun will rise tomorrow. If possible, set an alarm to wake you up early to watch the sun God made come up. As you watch the beauty on display, thank God for loving you and ask for help to celebrate this good day God has made.

> There's always a reason to celebrate.

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