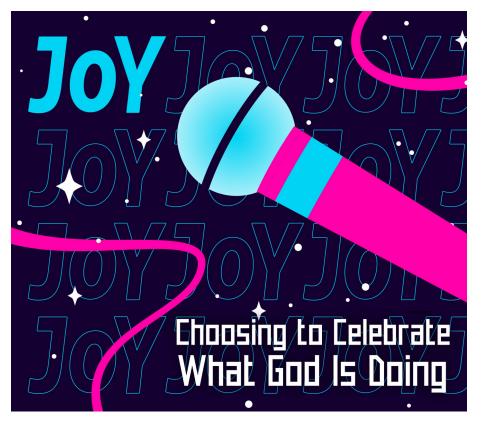
### Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.





## Day 1

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

After watching, write one thing that:	
1. You liked:	

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2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

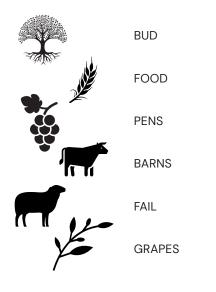
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A Devotional on Joy.

FOR AN everyday faith.

#### Read Habakkuk 3:17-18

As you read through, match the photo of the plant or crop with the word that matches it from the verse.



The idea of an olive crop failing might not mean a lot to the average person nowadays, but when the Bible was written, losing any crops was a REALLY big deal. So when Habakkuk said that he could lose all of the crops and animals he mentions in verse 17 and he would STILL have joy, it shows that he really got what was most important—and understood that **there's always a reason to celebrate.** 

#### Answer Key: Fig Tree-Bud, Grape Vine-Grapes, Olive Branch-Fail, Wheat Field-Food, Sheep-Pens, Cattle-Barns

### Day 3

The prophet Habakkuk had a long list of challenges that still didn't compare to the joy he felt at knowing what God was doing in the world.

Having that kind of trust in God can change how you see everything—even the really hard stuff. Personalize the prayer below, and then take a minute to talk to God.

**Dear God**, thank You for being a God that I can trust no matter what. Even when I am facing really hard stuff, I can look to You and find peace and joy. Right now, I am struggling with \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_. Please

help me remember that no matter what happens, I can trust You, and I can have joy because Jesus came to be my Savior. In Your Name, I pray. Amen.

## Day 4

Sometime today, get your family together—around the dinner table or before bed or any other time that works for your family.

Go around and have each person share something that happened to them in 2024 that is a reason to celebrate. If anyone has a hard time coming up with an example, talk about it as a family and remind each other that God can give us joy no matter what because **there's always a reason to celebrate.** 

End your family discussion with a challenge for everyone to look around tomorrow and find a reason to celebrate. Pick a time and a spot to meet back up tomorrow, and ask your parents if you can have some kind of treat ready to share with everyone—it can be as simple as popsicles or ice cream!



# Day 5

### Meet up with your family at the time and place you picked yesterday and break out the treat you planned

As everyone is enjoying their treat, ask this question:

#### What can you celebrate today?

Share with each other the things worth celebrating that you took note of today. If someone gets stuck, revisit Habakkuk 3:18.

"But I will still be glad because of what the Lord has done. God my Savior fills me with joy."

Lastly, pull out the family calendar and make a plan to celebrate what God is doing at least once a month—while enjoying treats, of course!