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BIBLE STORY JOY Luke 2:8-20 CONVERSATION STARTER Where do you find joy?	MEMORY VERSE "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'" Luke 2:10-11	MONTHLY VIRTUE Advent- preparing our hearts for the Messiah BASIC TRUTH Jesus brings new life

HANGTIME

**10
MINUTES**

- THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH THE KIDS. BE INTENTIONAL WITH THIS TIME
- MAKE SURE AN **ADULT LEADER** IS AT THE DOOR TO GREET KIDS AND PARENTS.

**25
MINUTES**

LARGE GROUP

- LARGE GROUP GAME
- WORSHIP MUSIC VIDEOS
- BIBLE STORY

**15
MINUTES**

SMALL GROUPS

- SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY
- PRAYER/MEMORY VERSE

**10
MINUTES**

HANGTIME/DISMISSAL

- FREE PLAY, BE INTENTIONAL TO CONNECT WITH CHILDREN WHILE THEY'RE PLAYING
- HAVE AN **ADULT LEADER** AT THE DOOR TO
- CHECK AND **REMOVE TAGS**



LARGE GROUP

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather children in the center of the room to play a game - minute to win it game

TRANSITION TO WORSHIP

- **ASK: "What is Worship?"** - (Allow time for children to respond) Worship is honoring God and showing him how much you love Him. We can do this by: praying to God, singing songs, dancing, reading the Bible, learning about God, and believing in God and talking about it. There are so many ways we can worship God. Today we are going to worship through music and dancing.
- **ASK: "Would anyone like to help lead worship?"** - Encourage children to come up to the front of the worship area and lead the dances to the songs. (Select up to 4 kids to stand at the front of the worship area facing the screen.)
- **Pray over worship** - Take a moment to pray for your time together, something like this, "God we are so excited to worship You. Help us not to be distracted but to be joyful to spend time with You. Give us a heart of worship. In Jesus' name, Amen."
- **ROUTE 45:** (For worship song without dance moves) **SAY:** In the Bible, Luke 19:37b says, "The whole crowd of disciples began to praise God with joy. In loud voices they praised him for all the miracles they had seen." Let's praise God with our voices, just like your parents are doing in the main service right now. We can sing and raise our voices with joy. You can stand and sing or close your eyes and listen to the words, whatever is comfortable for you. Be respectful of those around you.
- **Play Worship videos.**
- **SAY:** "Thank you for leading our worship today! I love seeing everyone show God how much they love Him! Now, let's sit down and watch our TRUE Bible story. Make sure you're not distracting your neighbor. We can show God we love Him in this moment by learning about Him."
- **Teach Bible Story.** After teaching, start small groups.

TRANSITION TO BIBLE STORY



BIBLE STORY

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell the students to grab a bible if they didn't bring one and to gather in the middle
- Read the paragraph below and then read the bible story together
- Ask students to raise their hands if they want to read some of the verses out loud
- Leaders read the verses in **blue**. Assign the purple verses to students to read. If no one wants to read, the leaders should read them- **Luke 2:8-20**, John 15:11, Romans 15:13, 1 Peter 1:8

What you say:

We are in week three of our Advent season. Who can tell us what Advent means? Good job! Advent is a word that means “coming”. Every year, Christians all around the world celebrate advent. During advent, we take time to reflect on God’s promise to send a savior to the world and how important it is that Jesus was born. Does anyone remember the first two weeks of Advent? What words did we talk about? That’s right! Hope and Peace! Why are hope and peace important? Good job! When we choose to follow Jesus we can have hope and peace in every situation no matter how hard life might be.

This week we are talking about Joy. Raise your hand if you have ever had to go through something hard before? I have too and it is NOT easy. Sometimes it’s REALLY HARD to have hope and peace and joy when you are going through something tough. But because we trust in Jesus, He gives us all of these things. Joy isn’t just being happy. It’s about being confident and trusting God even when our world is in chaos.

(You can choose to share an ***age appropriate*** hard time that you went through and had to trust God)

Because Jesus was born and He died on the cross for our sins, we can trust Jesus to give us Hope when we feel hopeless, peace when we feel scared or anxious and joy even when we are going through something hard in life. We might even get the opportunity to share Jesus with someone when we choose to trust God. Someone might look at you and say, “how are you so joyful and peaceful even though you are going through something really hard?” We can tell them about the hope, peace and joy that we have in Christ.

If you have never trusted in God and you want the hope, peace and joy that comes from Jesus, talk with me or your small group leader. We would love to introduce you to Jesus for the first time.

SMALL GROUP / MEMORY VERSE:

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TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUPS

WHAT YOU DO: Split the children into different small groups either by grade or by gender

Discussion Questions

- Where do you find your joy?
- What makes it hard for you to have joy?
- What do you need to do to have true joy in your own life?

MEMORY VERSE: **""But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'" Luke 2:10-11**

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Find the verse in the Bible** - you can ask children to find the verse or you can show them how to look up the book in the table of contents and turn to that page in the Bible. Next point to the first number(chapter) and help children find the chapter in the book by looking for the large number. Last, show them the second number (verse) and help them look for the smaller numbers to find the verse.
- **Ask if anyone would like to read the verse for your small group** - If no one volunteers, you read the verse. (Never force a child to read)
- **Start the Bible Verse Activity:**
 - Show the students how to find the memory verse.
 - Read the verse together

Allow each student to talk about what this verse means.

- Encourage students to try and say the verse without looking.
- Encourage students to race each other to see who can say the verse the fastest or who can find the verse in the bible the fastest.

REFLECT & PRAY

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask if anyone in your group would like to pray and ask if any of the kids have any prayer requests.
- Close with the prayer below (after allowing any children to pray if they wanted).
- INCLUDE all of the kids' prayer requests.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for sending your Son, Jesus to us. Thank you that we can have your joy in every situation. Help us to trust you as our source for joy. Help us to share the joy of Jesus with others this week. Amen."

- **PLEASE DO NOT DISMISS YOUR SMALL GROUP** until all small groups are done





DISMISSAL:

- **Please make sure there is an ADULT LEADER at the door** for pickup to receive parents. If the door is open, an adult must be standing at the door.
- Adult leader at the door **must check** that the stickers from the parent match the student's sticker.
- **REMOVE KP NAME TAG STICKERS OFF OF EVERY CHILD BEFORE THEY LEAVE THE ROOM**
- After the kids are gone, please tidy the room, sweep any mess off of the floor, and wipe tables with disinfectant wipes.

