



WEEK
TWO
JUNE 2024

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



1. HOPSCOTCH VERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Use the tape to create a seven-square hopscotch board on the floor in your activity area.

BIBLE STORY

I can have joy because God helps me.

**FEAST OF BOOTHS
DEUTERONOMY 16:13-17**

MEMORY VERSE

"A joyful heart is good medicine."

PROVERBS 17:22, ESV

KEY QUESTION

Who can have joy all the time?

BOTTOM LINE

I can have joy all the time.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have the children take turns playing hopscotch and saying one word of the verse as they hop to each space. Continue with each child. Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, I have a fun game for us to play as we review our Memory Verse. But first, let's say our verse and do the motions. 'A joyful (*brush flat hands upward twice*) heart (*tap chest twice with fingertip*) is good medicine;' (*move flat hand from chin to palm*) Proverbs 17:22. (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We're going to say each word to our verse as you jump like this. (*Demonstrate.*) [Child's name], your turn. (*Jump.*) 'A (*jump*) joyful (*jump*) heart (*jump*) is (*jump*) good (*jump*) medicine, (*jump*) Proverbs 17:22.' Great job! [Child's name], your turn. (*Continue with each child.*) Friends, that was so much fun saying our Memory Verse while we jumped!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "We can have joy all the time because God loves us. Let's say our verse and do the motions one more time. 'A joyful (*brush flat hands upward twice*) heart (*tap chest twice with fingertip*) is good medicine;' (*move flat hand from chin to palm*) Proverbs 17:22. (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job! Tell me: **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time!** One more time! **Who can have joy all the time? I can have joy all the time!**"



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MADE TO REFLECT
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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]
WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

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Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*)

"Today, we're going to make a list of our favorite foods and then we can thank God for them when we pray. When I say your name, tell me one food and I will write it in our journal." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "This list is making me hungry! Let's pray and thank God for helping us have such yummy foods to eat. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

"Dear God, thank You for making the sun shine. Thank You for making the rain fall. Thank You for making food grow. And thank You for the yummy things we get to eat, like (*read the list the children made*). Please help us have joy each time we remember all the ways You help us every day. You're the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name. Amen."