

Joy is choosing to celebrate what God is doing.

Read: Psalm 145:7

DAY

1

Celebrate!

Celebrate what God will do and has done for you! Make a band with instruments or items you have around your house. Make some music and celebrate what God has done and will do for you!! Make up songs and dances about God's goodness.

KNOW that celebrating what God has done is a way to show joy!



DAY

3

Celebrate Your Goodness

Psalm 145:7 is about celebrating the goodness of God and all that God has done. Read through this week's verse and share it with a friend. Share with them something good God has done for you.

LOOK for ways to share God's goodness with others.

DAY

2

The Best is Yet to Come

This week's story was about heaven. Draw a picture of what you think heaven will look like and what will be there!

THANK God for heaven and wanting to live with us forever!



DAY

4

Celebrating Jesus

One way we can celebrate Jesus and what He has done and will do is by remembering to talk to Him and thank Him regularly. Thank God now for the joys that Jesus has brought to you and those He will bring.

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 "Dear God, thank You for bringing joy into my life. I can see it every day. Please help me to always see and feel Your joy around me. Please help me to share the joy that You give. I love celebrating Your goodness. Thank You for all You have done and all You will do. Amen."  
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ASK God to always let you see joy wherever you look.



Celebrate what God will do.



On the table below, draw pictures of what God has given you that brings you joy.



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DAY 1

Read Philippians 4:4

Do you have a lost and found at school? Do you know what items NEVER end up in Lost and Found? Items labeled with the owner's name. If you accidentally leave your water bottle on the playground and it has your name on it, it will be handed back to you because it's labeled as yours.

Just like the labeled water bottle belongs to someone, we belong to the Lord. Because of that, we can have joy! We often look at what's going on around us and let our circumstances determine how we feel. But JOY is bigger than happiness. Because being *happy* depends on what is *happening* around you. Joy is a deep-down understanding that no matter what, God is on your side.

Label It

Grab an index card and write, "I belong to God" in big block letters. Hang it in your closet where you will see it each day. Every time you read those words, stop and thank God for loving you and celebrate what God can and WILL do.

DAY 2

Read Philippians 3:1a

When Paul wrote this letter to the church in the city of Philippi, do you know where he was? Take a guess.

- A. At his seaside home
- B. Visiting family
- C. In prison
- D. None of the above

Paul wasn't visiting family or hanging out at the beach. He wrote these words while in prison. Despite his circumstances, Paul knew that joy was possible because of Jesus. He wanted to encourage the believers to keep serving God and to hang on to joy because they belonged to God.

Even if you never ended up in a situation like Paul's, you still might face difficult situations that try to steal your joy. When you feel discouraged, remember that God has promised to make everything right in the end. Because of what Jesus has done, when we trust Him as our Savior, we don't have to worry about the future. We can have joy and celebrate what God will do.

DAY 3

Read Revelation 21:3

Swim With The Fishies

Do you have a pet fish? What if you could shrink down, jump into the bowl, and talk to your fish? What if you could tell him all about what life is like outside of his fishbowl? What if you could describe what it's like to breathe air and walk around on two feet? How would you describe life on land?

When it comes to heaven and spending forever with God, we're kind of like that fish. We won't be able to understand everything about heaven until we experience it. While we don't know all the details, we do know it means we will get to live with God forever! Because of Jesus, we now have a way to fix our broken relationship with God. We will be WITH God, just like we're with our parents or friends, and THAT will be awesome. Until that day, we can wait with hope and celebrate what God will do!

DAY 4

Read Revelation 21:4

Heaven Views

Grab some paper and some watercolor paints or crayons. Spend a few minutes painting or coloring what you think heaven will look like.

God has made a BIG promise to us. When we put our trust in Jesus, we can live with God forever in a place where nothing bad or sad EVER happens.

In heaven, we will live with God in a perfect place, more awesome than we can imagine. A place with no pain, no sadness, no worry, no tears, no separation, or fear. We won't need band-aids or medicine or even doctors because there will be no sickness, or injuries, or death. Being with God will be like the best party you've ever been to— except it will be BETTER— because this party will never, ever end.

Take a look at your drawing of heaven. Stop and celebrate with JOY today because following Jesus means that you'll be with God one day in this perfect place.

Celebrate what
God will do.

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



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Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

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!

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Day 2

Read Revelation 22:1-5

Get a sheet of paper and your favorite drawing or coloring utensils. Illustrate the description of the water of life and the tree of life, along with 12 different fruits, as described in Revelation 22:1-5. (Need help coming up with fruit ideas? See the upside-down list below.) If you have silver glitter or any other fun decorative supplies, make the water look like crystal. And don't forget the leaves that bring healing to the nation.

This is just one of many descriptions of heaven that John wrote down for us in Revelation. This month of focusing on celebrating what God will do has brought so much JOY, hasn't it?



Answers: Apple, Raspberries, Orange, Blueberries, Banana, Mandarin oranges, Strawberries, Plums, Kiwi, Peaches, Blackberries, Nectarines

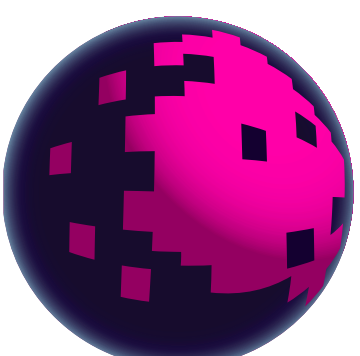
Day 4

What's the best party you can imagine?

That is going to be the question of the day. Grab a piece of paper and a writing utensil, or if you have access to some sort of recording device (like a smart phone voice memo app), record your interviews (if you do choose to record, be sure to get permission from the person you're recording).

Interview at least five people of varying ages and ask them, "What's the best party you can imagine?" If they need more prompts, ask them about the location, the decorations, would there be a theme, who would be invited, would there be music and dancing, what kind of food would be served, etc.

Once you've finished interviewing everyone, compile your answers. (If you recorded them, jot down the highlights of each person's answers.) Did you find any common themes? If so, circle those. Then go back and highlight the answers that sound super fun to you, but also are doable. Is this a party you could pull off, perhaps with your family's help? Now hold on to the sheet until tomorrow...



Day 5

Celebrate what God will do.

Pull out your party planning sheet from the day before and take a look at your plan. Is this something you could reasonably pull off before the summer ends and you go back to school? If not, make some changes and scale it back a little. Then call on your family. Explain that you want to have a party focused on the theme of JOY. Show them your plan and divide up the tasks. Don't forget to pick a date and time that works for everyone. Decide if you want to keep it just a family party, or if you can invite some friends as well. Whatever you decide is great—just make sure you take some time celebrating what God has done, is doing, and will do in your lives! Now, go have a party!

Day 3

What do you think about the idea of heaven?

Does it excite you? Does it make you feel a little strange, or even nervous? It's normal to feel that way because our minds truly can't imagine what FOREVER looks like or what it will mean to be with God every day. But it's also AMAZING to think of forever. Guess what—God can handle your fears and your excitement at the same time!

Pray the prayer below and thank God for the promise of heaven.

Dear God, thank You for making a plan for humankind so that I can live with YOU forever! Sometimes forever seems scary—until I think about the fact that it means living with You, the God who made me and loves me, for all time. I love You, and I thank You for all that You have done, are doing, and WILL do in my life. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen.