



June 7th Elementary Family Lesson



Bible Story: Paul Encourages the Church of Philippi (Philippians 4:4-6)

Today's Takeaway: God gives us JOY, and JOY is contagious!

Series Verse: "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!" (Galatians 5:22-23 NIV)

Weekly Verse: "You love Him even though you have never seen Him. Though you do not see Him now, you trust Him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy." (1 Peter 1:8 NLT)

Discussion Questions:

1. What is something that makes you happy? Does that feeling of happiness last? Why or why not?
2. What is something that can bring you joy? **Remind the kids that joy is something that is not affected by your situation. It comes from God.**
3. Do you find yourself more worried or full of joy? Why?
4. How can you spread joy to others?
5. Optional: Look up these verses and discuss them as a family.
- 1 Peter 1:8, Psalm 16:11, Romans 15:13

Activity Ideas:

1. JOY for Me and You

What You Need:

- 2 Participants (You could play with your child or you could have a doll or stuffed animal be their partner)
- 20 Joy Cards (You will need to make these...just write joy 20 times on a piece of paper and then cut or rip them apart)
- Tape

What You Do:

- Stand with your partner.
- Put 10 JOY Cards near you and 10 near your partner.

- Have the tape ready in your hands (if you have trouble ripping off pieces of tape, you need 20 pieces already ripped and prepped somewhere close by)
- Have someone set a timer.
- When the person timing says, “go,” tape 10 JOY Cards onto yourself as fast as you can, and then tape 10 on your partner as fast as you can.
- Check your time.
- Take off the JOY Cards, prep more tape, trade roles with your partner and repeat. (If your partner is a doll, play again the same way and try to beat your first time.)
- See how fast you guys can let God’s joy cover you up, and then share it with a friend.
- Talk about how joy and happiness are different.
- Then discuss that we cannot produce joy on our own, but have to receive it from God. God gives us joy when we think on all He has done for us, on His promises, and about how much He loves us. As God fills us with joy, we are able to share joy with others, as well!

2. JOY Word Search

What You Need:

- JOY Word Search - Pages 3 & 4 (There is one for older elementary and one for younger elementary)
- Writing Utensils if you are printing the word search.

What You Do:

- If you have a printer, print a copy of the age appropriate JOY Word Search for each participant.
- If not, just look at the word search together on a screen.

Older Kids:

- Work together or race to find JOY 10 times in the older elementary word search.
- Then look for all the other 8 Fruits of the Spirit - LOVE, *JOY*, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL

Younger Kids:

- Work together or race to find JOY 5 times in the younger elementary word search.
- Then look for the word LOVE (we learned about this Fruit of the Spirit last week) three times.

Everyone:

- Talk about how praying can help us “rejoice in the Lord always.” When we talk to God about whatever we face each day, we remember that He is in control and that He is trustworthy which keeps us from worrying. God says we can talk to Him about anything. He also asks us to be thankful because He knows that remembering His goodness opens the door for joy in our hearts.

Family Prayer:

Take a few minutes to pray as a family to wrap up your time together.

Older Elementary JOY Word Search

J	J	K	O	P	I	O	X	Y	Y	A	B	J	E	E	C	Y
O	I	B	Z	A	N	F	H	U	O	L	U	E	C	S	O	S
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T	B	E	G	E	A	J	R	E	H	Z	E	N	J	O	I	L
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Q	O	M	S	N	T	E	U	I	J	R	F	I	N	S	M	O
U	D	T	I	H	B	M	C	G	E	M	T	D	E	E	C	L
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I	S	U	F	E	P	V	O	W	I	F	A	S	N	J	I	H
C	S	G	E	C	J	N	J	D	H	G	U	V	E	C	A	G
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JOY Word Search for Younger Elementary

Help your child find the word JOY 5 times in the word search below.

Then help them find the word LOVE 3 times.

J	O	Y	A	S	F	X	G	L	E
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U	C	G	M	P	W	A	T	K	Y
B	V	J	L	Y	E	J	S	S	L
A	M	O	C	I	V	D	E	J	O
N	K	Y	U	J	O	Y	M	V	V
H	I	C	P	T	L	N	D	G	E
J	Y	J	S	J	V	H	P	X	J
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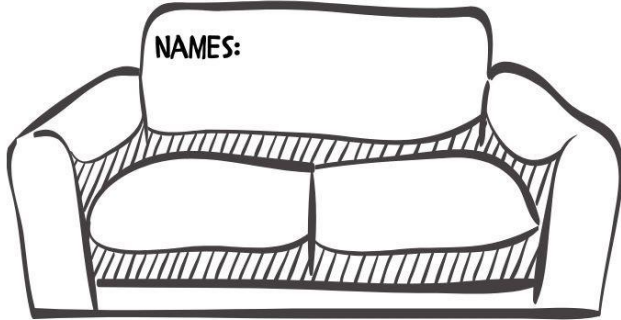
**** If you have a printer, the next page is for your kids to take notes while watching the online service... ****

- MONTH _____
- DAY _____
- YEAR _____

Sermon Notes From Home



WHO DID YOU SIT WITH ON THE COUCH?



HOW DID YOU WATCH THE SERMON FROM HOME?



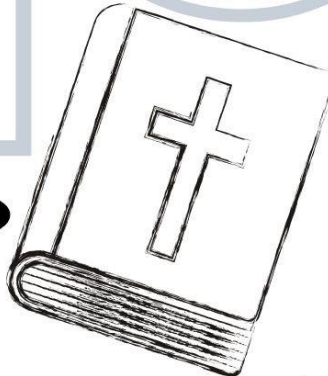
WHAT DO YOU MISS ABOUT CHURCH AT CHURCH?

IF YOU DIDN'T SIT ON THE COUCH, DRAW A PICTURE OF HOW YOU VIEWED TODAY'S SERMON OR DRAW A PICTURE OF WHO YOU WATCHED THE SERMON WITH:

ARE YOU IN YOUR JAMMIES OR CLOTHES?? DRAW A PICTURE:



TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE:



A WORSHIP SONG THAT WAS SUNG:



3 BIG THINKS FROM TODAY'S SERMON YOU CAN ASK GOD TO USE TO GROW YOU CLOSER TO HIM:

- 1
- 2
- 3

SOMETHING SPECIFIC THAT WAS PRAYED FOR:

SOMETHING SPECIFIC YOU ARE PRAYING FOR:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT CHURCH AT HOME?