

July Weeks 2 & 3

JOY

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CRAFT Week 1

Even When... Picture

SUPPLIES: Even When... page, Emoji face cut outs, Jesus cut outs, glue sticks, crayons/markers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Even When... page.**

- *“Boys and girls – today we learned that when Jesus is our friend, we have the power to feel JOY! And we can have that Joy all the time – no matter what happens!”*
- *The top of your page says “Even when I feel...”*

⇒ **Pass out “Sad” emoji face and crayons or markers.**

- *“Tell me – what do you think this face is feeling? Sad – that’s right!”*
- *You can start coloring the sad face. What are some things that might make you feel sad?*
- *Did you know that when Jesus is your friend, you can have joy even when something sad happens?*

⇒ **Pass out glue sticks.**

- *Now let’s glue the sad face into the first box. Remember, even when we are sad, Jesus gives us the power to feel JOY!*

⇒ **Repeat procedure and conversation with “Scared” and “Angry” face emojis.**

⇒ **Pass out “Jesus” and “Happy” face.**

- *Now look what I have here! Who is this? That’s right, it’s Jesus! And what is this face feeling? Happy! This face is joyful! Let’s color Jesus and the Joyful face and add them to our picture.*

⇒ **Complete the craft and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Wow! These look amazing! Let me read it to you...*
- *Even when I feel sad or scared or angry, Jesus gives me the power to feel JOY!*
- *Who gives you the power to do everything? Jesus gives me the power to do everything!*

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CRAFT Week 2

JOY Dot Picture

SUPPLIES: JOY page, dot markers or dot stickers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out JOY page.**

- *“Boys and girls – today we learned that when Jesus is our friend, he gives us the power to have JOY! We can be joyful no matter what is happening!”*

⇒ **Pass out dot markers or dot stickers (you can choose based on your class).**

- *“What letters do you see here? I see J-O-Y and that spells joy. Let’s fill those letters up with lots of colors!”*

⇒ **Complete the craft and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Your signs look beautiful! Nice work! I am so glad that we can have Joy all the time, no matter what when Jesus is our friend.*
- *Who gives you the power to do everything? Jesus gives me the power to do everything!*

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ACTIVITY #1

Joy in Jail – Hot Potato Game

SUPPLIES: “Smile” stress ball, CD player, Praise CD, Floor Tape

SET UP: Create a “jail” cell using the floor tape. Double check that CD is ready to go and CD player is working.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in a circle around the “jail” cell.**

- *“Today in our true bible story we learned about two men – Paul and Silas! Does anyone remember where they were? That’s right! They were in jail! How do you think you would feel if you were in jail? I think I would feel sad and scared. But these men had Jesus living in their hearts and so they had JOY!”*

⇒ **Hold up the smiley face.**

- *“We are going to pass this smiley face around while the music is playing. Whoever is holding it when the music stops is going to the jail!”*

⇒ **Play first round.**

- *“The music stopped! You are in jail now! But on the next round I know a way that you can get out!”*
- [After the next round...]
- *If you want to get out of jail just shout, “Jesus gives me JOY!”*

⇒ **Repeat until every child has a turn.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Paul and Silas had Joy while they were in Jail because Jesus was their friend. And we can have joy too!*
- ***Who gives you the power to do everything?***
- ***Jesus gives me the power to do everything!***

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ACTIVITY #2

Power up with Joy!

SUPPLIES: Sad/Angry/Scared/Happy Emoji signs, Jesus sign

SET UP: No prior set up needed

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather the children in the center of the room.**

- *Who gives us the power to do everything? Jesus gives me the power to do everything!*
- *Let's play a game! I am going to hold up a sign and I want you to do your best imitation of the face that you see.*

⇒ **Hold up "Sad" face**

- *"Let's see your saddest faces!" Oh boo hoo!*
- *But now.....*

⇒ **Hold up "Jesus" and then "Happy" face**

- *POWER UP! When Jesus is our friend we have the power to have JOY! Let's see those joyful, happy faces!*
- *Who gives you the power to do everything? Jesus gives me the power to do everything!*

⇒ **Repeat with "Angry" and "Scared" faces. If children are enjoying themselves you could repeat again or have one of the children pick the faces.**

⇒ **Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Nice work, everybody! Even when things feel sad or scary or angry, Jesus gives us the power to have Joy!*
- *Who gives you the power to do everything? Jesus gives me the power to do everything."*

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ACTIVITY #3

JOY Dance!

SUPPLIES: Instruments, Scarves, CD Player, Praise CD

SET UP: Double check that CD is ready to go and CD player is working.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Invite children to come to the middle of the room and select an instrument.**

- *“Jesus gives us the power to have JOY! Everybody come on over to the center of the room and choose an instrument/scarf.*
- *“On the count of 3, everybody play your instrument. 1 2 3!*

⇒ **Let children play their instruments for a minute.**

- *“Freeze! Great job!*
- *When Jesus is our friend, he gives us the power to have JOY – no matter what! Let’s show our joy by singing and dancing and praising Jesus!*

⇒ **Allow children plenty of time to dance and sing.**

⇒ **OPTIONAL – 4s and Clubhouse may elect to make it freeze dance.**

- *“Freeze! Now before we can dance again let’s practice our memory verse:*
- *I can do everything by the power of Christ. Philippians 4:13”*

⇒ **Repeat as many times as children are interested then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“When we are JOYFUL we want to sing and dance!! I am so glad that Jesus gives us the power to have Joy!*
- *Let’s say out memory verse one more time together:*
- *I can do everything by the power of Christ. Philippians 4:13”*

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REFLECTION & REVIEW

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *The Beginner's Bible: Earthquake in Prison, p. 500-503*

⇒ *If Jesus Came to Visit Me OR If Jesus Walked beside me*

(Some classrooms will have one and some will have the other.)

- Read the story and then say: When Jesus is our friend, he gives us the power to do everything! Isn't that amazing?

REVIEW *(This is a great opportunity to give out stickers as they answer these questions!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who gives you the power to do everything?**
- **Jesus gives me the power to do everything!**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **I can do everything by the power of Christ. Philippians 4:13.**

⇒ Basic Truth

- **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**

⇒ Connect it!

- **"Today we learned that Jesus can give us the power to have JOY even when things are sad. We are going to make a list of things that make us sad. When we pray, we are going to ask God to give us JOY even when things are sad. I'm going to give you a Smiley face sticker when you answer to remind you that Jesus gives us the power to have JOY no matter what!"**

PRAY

Dear God, Thank you for sending Jesus to give us the power to choose JOY no matter what happens. I pray [child's name] will choose joy when (name what they listed) happens. (Repeat for each child.) More than anything, I pray that each of my friends here will follow Jesus one day so they can always remember that Jesus gives them the power to do everything! We love you, God. In Jesus' name, amen."