

**June Week 2**  
Backyard  
Making Waves

June 12

# CRAFT

## *JOY Dot Picture*

**SUPPLIES:** JOY page, dot markers or dot stickers, smiley face stickers (4 per child)

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out JOY page.**

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned that when Jesus is our friend, he can help us 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!”*

⇒ **Pass out smiley face stickers.**

- *“Friends, when we are friends with Jesus, he can help us to have joy! We can be joyful no matter where we are or what is happening.”*
- *Let’s add these smiley faces around our papers”*

⇒ **Complete activity and then 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, because Jesus is our friend.*
- ***Who can help you do everything?***
- ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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# **ACTIVITY #1**

## *Joy in Jail – Hot Potato*

**SUPPLIES:** 1 squishy smiley face ☺ ball, CD player, Worship CD, Floor Tape

**SET UP:** Create a “jail” cell using the floor tape.

### **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 can help you do everything?***
- ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Smiley Face Look and Find*

**SUPPLIES:** Squishy Smiley faces ☺

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

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

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned that when we love and trust Jesus he can help us find joy! We can find joy no matter where we are or what we are doing because Jesus can help us. He can help us with EVERYTHING!”*

⇒ **Show children the smiley faces.**

- *“Look what I have here! Smiley faces! These smiley faces represent the joy we have when we are following and trusting in Jesus! I am going to spread this joy all around the room for everyone and then I want you to go get it! Close your eyes while I hide them!”*

⇒ **Scatter the smiley faces around the room. Have children open their eyes and find the hearts and bring them back to you.**

- *“Let’s go get the joy!!*
- *Friends, when we know Jesus, he can help us find joy in every situation. Jesus can help us do everything!*
- ***Who can help you do everything?***
- ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

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

- *“Friends, Jesus loves us so well. And because he loves us, we can show that love to everyone around us! And Jesus can help us!*
- ***Who can help you do everything?***
- ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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# **ACTIVITY #3**

*Fruit of the Spirit Dance Party +  
Memory Verse Review*

**SUPPLIES:** Fruit of the Spirit Picture Cards (Love and Joy), Summer 2022  
CD/CD Player

## **What You DO and SAY:**

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

- *“Friends! All summer long we are learning about something called the fruit of the spirit. Each week we are going learn about a different way that Jesus can help us! Do you remember how Jesus can help us this week? He can help us find joy! (Hold up the smiley face card)*
- *When we know Jesus, he can help us find joy no matter where we are or what we are doing. We can be joyful, and Jesus can help us!*
- *Now we know that when we trust Jesus, he can help us to (hold up heart) LOVE and he can also help us to (hold up smiley face) have JOY! Jesus can help us do everything! Hey! That reminds me of our memory verse!”*

⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**

- *“I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”  
Philippians 4:13*
  - *Now let’s try it...*
    - *Super loud/Super quiet*
    - *Really Fast/Really Slow*
    - *Jumping up and down*
    - *Running in Place*
    - *All the boys/All the girls*
    - *Kids only/Teachers only*

⇒ **Have a dance party! Play Track 1 on Summer 2022 CD.**

- *“Let’s get up and dance to our summer song! Can you try to remember the fruit of the spirit with me? Let’s dance!”*

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

- *“Nice work, my friends!*
- ***Who can help you do everything?***
- ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY  
JUNE WEEK 2

**SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND**

**READ**

- ⇒ *God's Fruit in Me*, by Vince Rozier
- ⇒ *Beginner Bible: Earthquake in Prison*, p. 500

**REVIEW** *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
  - **Who can help you do everything?**  
**Jesus can help me do everything!**
- ⇒ Memory Verse
  - **"I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philipians 4:13**

**CONNECT IT AND PRAY**

Supplies: Smiley face story sticker

- ⇒ "Today, I am going to write your name on our paper and then I am going to draw a smiley face next to it and give you a special smiley face sticker. This will remind us that we can always choose joy.
  - *Write each child's name on the paper and draw a smiley face next to it. Give each child a smiley face sticker.*
- ⇒ When we pray, we can thank God for sending Jesus to help us choose joy. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

"Dear God, choosing joy when we are in a sad place is hard. Thank You for sending Jesus to help us choose joy. Jesus can help us do everything! You are the best God, and we love You. In Jesus name. Amen."