

## Day 1 - Joy



**Bible Story:** Announcement to the Shepherds | Luke 2:8-14

**Bottom Line:** I can find joy when I trust Jesus!

**Memory Verse:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

### READ

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<sup>8</sup>Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. <sup>9</sup>The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.

<sup>10</sup>The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. <sup>11</sup>Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

### WATCH

Go to [resurrection.church/vbc](https://resurrection.church/vbc) to watch Day 1 of Wild Kingdom-Trust Leads the Way!

### CREATE

**Supplies:** Paper, markers or crayons

**Do:**

- Talk about what it means to have joy.
- Have kids draw or write down a time when they felt happy.
- Let them decorate their papers.
- Ask kids to share what they drew or wrote.

- Hang the picture up in your space.

**Say:** “Write down or draw something that makes you happy. It might be things like ice cream, going to the park, hanging out with friends. You can decorate your paper any way you like.

When we have an ice cream that is happiness, it lasts for a few minutes but when the ice cream is gone, so is our happiness. Joy lasts much longer and doesn’t always depend on how our day has been. Joy is choosing to celebrate no matter what, because I trust in Jesus.”

## REMEMBER

Have each person in your family say the memory verse in a silly voice. (Whisper, Squeaky, Monster, Royal Family)

## ACTIVITY

**Supplies Needed:** spoon, medium size cup, skittles

### What you do:

- Tape a line about 4 feet from the cup
- Each person will take turns catapulting 1 skittle into the cup using the spoon.
- Each person will have 2 minutes to catapult all 10 skittles
- Play again and lower the number to 5 and then to 3 until most have succeeded.
- Take note of the celebration when skittles land in cups.

**Say:** It was fun to hear a little celebration when skittles went into the cup. There were some cheers, claps, etc. A little joy or a little happiness when the skittles landed in the cup, right?

### Ask:

1. What other words might you use to describe joy?
2. How might the shepherds have reacted after seeing baby Jesus?

## PRAY

Dear Jesus, Thank you for the story of the angel’s announcement to the shepherds. Help us to remember that we can have joy when we trust in you. Even when things get hard! Thank you for loving us. We love you, Amen.