

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



A series of horizontal dotted lines for writing, starting below the graphic and extending across the page.



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

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!

1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

Day 2

Read Romans 12:15

Now that you've read Romans 12:15, you may be thinking, but how can I be joyful when others are joyful? Head over to Acts 2:42-47 and see how the early church treated each other and all the things they shared and did together. Fill in the words in the phrases below to find some of those things. (Note: These were created with the NIV translation.)

- ▶ _____ what the apostles taught.
- ▶ They shared their _____ together
- ▶ They _____ and _____ together.
- ▶ They shared _____ they had.
- ▶ They sold _____ and other things they owned.
- ▶ They _____ to anyone who needed _____.
- ▶ They met together in the _____ courtyard.
- ▶ They ate _____ together in their homes.
- ▶ They _____ God.



Answers: Studied, lives, ate, prayed, everything, property, gave, something, temple, meals, praised

Day 3

You can help others find joy, but that doesn't mean it's EASY to do so.

Sometimes it's even downright hard—like when you have to give up something you love. Unscramble the words below, and then take a couple of minutes to talk to God about this!

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Dear God, I want to live a life of joy and also help others find joy. I know I can help others find joy by sharing my \_\_\_\_\_ with others. Or I can give up some of my \_\_\_\_\_ to play a game or video game with my \_\_\_\_\_. Or maybe I can \_\_\_\_\_ some of my toys or money to an organization helping little kids. Most importantly, I can share the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ with others so they can experience joy as well. Sometimes it's hard to do things like this though, so I need your help to be brave, generous, and thoughtful. In Jesus' Name, I pray Amen.

Answers: talent, time, donate, love, Jesus

## Day 4

### Get a Bible and read Psalm 16:11.

Where does our joy come from?  
 From Jesus, right! So one of the best ways **you can help others find joy**, is by telling them about Jesus!  
 Sometimes that's easy. . . other times, not so much. For today, just pick two people you can share the joy of Jesus with. You might ask if you can share Psalm 16:11 with them. You might share the story of how you came to put your trust in Jesus. You might play your favorite worship song while you and a friend are hanging out. It doesn't have to be intimidating if you just share from your heart the way that Jesus has brought you joy!



## Day 5

### What are ways you can help others find joy?

Go back and read Acts 2:42-47 again. Does anything stand out to you about how the early church participated in and celebrated what God was doing? Any guesses?

They did it together! When we take care of each other, help each other, encourage each other, it not only makes life easier, but it allows us to be a part of what God is doing in the world—which brings JOY!

What are some ways you can use what you have to bring joy to others? You could use your talents at church to volunteer with the music or help with VBS. Or maybe you and your small group could have a lemonade stand or bake sale to raise money for a local charity. You'll not only bring joy to the people who are served by the charity, but you'll probably find you and your friends will experience joy getting to be a part of showing God's love to others.

Make a plan and then recruit any help you need. Get a parent's permission—even better, get your whole family involved in helping others find joy!

# Start the Party: Celebrate the Good News

Joy is choosing to celebrate what God is doing.



### Talk About the Bible Story

Open the Bible together and read Romans 12:15 (Supporting: Acts 2:42-47) or watch the video together on the Parent Cue app.

### Engagement Questions

- How can listening and being present with someone when they are feeling sad eventually lead to joy?
- How did Jesus show empathy to others?
- What are ways you can help others find joy?**

### Faith and Character Activity

Scan the QR code below for activities to guide kids at every phase to trust Jesus in a way that changes how they see God, themselves, and the rest of the world.

Scan the QR code to get started



### Prayer

“Dear God, we are so thankful for You. Help us to remember how much You love us. We want to celebrate with Your people when they are happy. We want to be present with Your people when they are sad. Help us choose empathy and help others find joy. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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### MEMORY VERSE

“Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!”  
Philippians 4:4, NIV

### Morning Time

As your kid starts their day, share with them a way you’ve seen them be hopeful or resilient with a tough situation. Let them know how much you admire and respect it.

### Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: “What are ways you can help others find joy?”

### Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: “What are some ways you or your friends express joy?” (You may need to give an example or two from your own life to get the conversation started.)

### Bed Time

Pray for each other: “Jesus, help us to start a party for the people we meet and see every day. May we celebrate the unique ways you’ve made them and let them feel how much You love them by the way we treat them.”

### More Ways to Engage with Your Kid

### Faith & Character Activities



### Worship Song of the Month



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