

Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy that never ends.

DAY 1

Joy in God's Plan

Read Romans 8:28 (NIRV): "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping with his purpose."

Have you ever had a moment that felt disappointing at first but turned out better than you expected? Sometimes life feels confusing. Things happen that you don't understand. But God sees the whole picture. God has a plan that is bigger than anything we can see right now.

Today's verse reminds us that God works for good in every part of our lives. Even when something feels small, frustrating, or unfair, God is doing something bigger through it. That truth can fill your heart with joy. Joy doesn't mean everything is perfect. Joy means you can trust God's plan, even while the story is still being written.

At-Home Activity: Draw a puzzle with five pieces. Write one hard thing on each piece. Then write this in the middle: "God is working for good."

DAY 2

Joy in God's Promises

Read Jeremiah 29:11 (NIRV): "I know the plans I have for you," announces the LORD. "I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come."

Have you ever wondered what your future will look like? Maybe you think about what you'll be good at, or who your friends will be, or what adventures you'll go on. God knows every part of your future. God has plans filled with hope, purpose, and joy.

Sometimes you face things that make you worry. You might feel unsure. But God's promises are true even when life feels confusing. God promises hope. God promises a future. God promises to stay with you. You can have joy because you know God keeps every promise.

Personal Reflection: Grab a piece of paper. Write three things you hope for. Then write one promise from God that helps you feel joy. Keep it in a safe place and read it when you need encouragement.





DAY 3

Joy in God's Presence

Read Psalm 16:11 (NIRV): "You always show me the path of life. You will fill me with joy when I am with you."

Have you ever felt better just because someone stayed with you? When you're scared or sad, having someone by your side changes everything. That's what God does for you. God is always with you. God guides you.

Today's verse tells us that being with God brings joy. When you spend time with God praying, reading the Bible, or worshiping, you remember that you are never alone. God is with you in the good moments and the hard ones. You can have joy because God walks with you through every part of your story.

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Pray this: "God, thank You for always being with me. Help me remember that Your presence brings joy. Show me how to stay close to You every day. In Jesus' name, Amen."

DAY 4

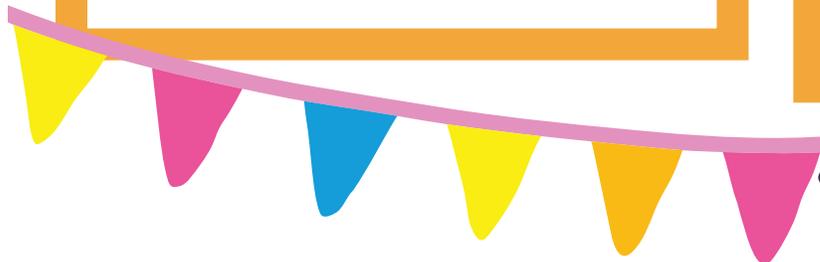
### Joy Worth Sharing

*Read Matthew 5:16 (NIRV): "Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

When something makes you excited, you probably want to tell someone about it. Joy works the same way. When your heart is full of joy from God, it shines through your words and actions. Other people notice it. Your joy can point someone else to God.

Today's verse reminds us to shine our light. When you are kind, patient, or forgiving, you show what God is doing in your life. That joy spreads. You never know how your joy might encourage someone else or help them trust God. You can have joy because God is writing a bigger story, and you get to be part of it.

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At-Home Activity: Make a "Joy List." Write down five ways you can show joy to others this week. Try to do at least three of them. Notice how your actions shine God's light.



You can have joy because Jesus is alive.