

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Age 3/4

Week 2 - Joy

Bible Story: The Prodigal Son Returns (Luke 15:11-32)

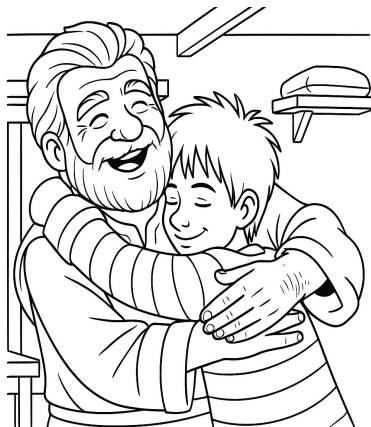
Main Idea: True joy comes from knowing Jesus, not from what happens to us.

Jesus' Example: Jesus had joy even in hard times because He trusted His Father. The Holy Spirit helps us have joy too—no matter what!

Free Play / Colouring sheets

ONE80 Volunteers:

Set up inviting space for the children for their arrival.



Worship Time (Songs liked on YouTube)

ONE80 VOLUNTEERS:

Song # 1: Fruit of the Spirit – Slugs and Bugs

Song # 2: Joy – Gateway Kids

Song # 3: Give a Little Kindness – IES Kids Church

Circle Time:

ONE80 VOLUNTEERS:

Do the children have any prayer requests?

Say: "Take your one little hand, wave it in the air, tap tap tap, and nod nod nod. Take your other little hand, wave it in the air, tap tap, tap and nod nod nod. Place them behind your back, lay them in your lap, tickle your tummy, and fold them like this. Now, let's talk to God together. You can repeat after me...

Dear God,
Thank you for loving me.
Thank you for welcoming me.
Please would you fill me with your Joy.
In Jesus name, Amen.

ONE80 VOLUNTEERS:

Practice memorizing the Fruit of the Spirit Memory Verse:

*Galations 5:22-23 'But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy,
Peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.'*

Any Birthdays this week? Any God Moments this week where you saw Gods love growing? Any exciting stories

Snack Time

Check for allergies, provide a snack.

If MC has not arrived after snack time- allow free play.

Class Lesson

OneMC: Good morning everyone! Could I have a happy helper who can help me. Thank-you special volunteer! Do you remember that last week we were planting some trees?

**Hang fruit on volunteer. Look at my beautiful fruit tree! Yummy! Is this how we grow a fruit tree? NO!! Last week we learnt that we can't grow fruit that we can eat, but we can grow a special kind of fruit- *begin hanging fruit of the spirit on the volunteer. When Jesus comes into our hearts, we become a special kind of tree and grow special kind of fruit!*

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. This is

Special fruit that comes from knowing and loving Jesus! The special fruit that we are going to learn about today is JOY!! **Blow a party trumpet.* Joy is what we feel when we are super happy. It makes us want to giggle, and dance!

** Take a glass with a little water and bubble solution, and a straw. Begin blowing through the straw. When Jesus fills us with his love, His Joy begins to bubble in our hearts, and bubbles and bubbles until it overflows! *Blow until the bubbles start spilling over the top of the glass. *start on your haunches 'When Jesus fills us with His love, (begin to bubble up, ending in a jump) 'His joy begins to bubble out'. Very good! *Get the class to say this with you* 'When Jesus fills us with His love, His joy begins to bubble out!'*

Felt Board Bible Story (10 minutes)

The Prodigal Son Returns

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Lesson Main Idea: True joy comes from knowing Jesus, not from what happens to us.

Supplies: Felt board and felt board pictures.

ONE80 MC: Today, we are going to hear a story that Jesus told. It's about a son who made a big mistake—but found true joy in the end!



(Show the picture of the sad, hungry boy with the pigs.)

"There was once a young man who asked his father for lots of money. He wanted to go far away and have fun! But guess what? He spent everything and had no food left! He got so hungry that he had to take care of pigs. Can you make a pig sound? Oink! Oink! 🐷" (Act out rubbing your belly.) "He was so hungry, even the pig's food looked yummy! Yuck!"



(Show the picture of the father hugging his son.)

"Then, the son had an idea. He said, 'I'll go back home to my father! Maybe he will let me work for him.' So he went home. But before he could even get there, his father saw him! Do you know what the father did?" (Open your arms wide.) "He ran to his son and gave him a BIG hug! Can you give yourself a big hug?"

"The son was ready to say 'I'm sorry,' but his father said, 'I'm so happy you're home! Let's have a party!'"

"The father gave him new clothes, yummy food, and a party with music and dancing! Everybody was so joyful!"

MC: "Jesus told this story to remind us that God is like that father. He loves us no matter what! Even when we make mistakes, He welcomes us back with joy!"

Jesus Joy is constant. No matter what happens it never goes away!

PRAYER TIME:

"Take your one little hand, wave it in the air, tap tap tap, and nod nod nod. Take your other little hand, wave it in the air, tap tap, tap and nod nod nod. Place them behind your back, lay them in your lap, tickle your tummy, and fold them like this. Now, let's talk to God together. You can repeat after me...

Craft JOY Plate

Please watch the Video Tutorial in advance to Sunday (it can be found on the original page.

Talk about joy while they craft. "Can you show me your biggest joyful smile? Joy isn't just about smiling—it's about knowing Jesus loves us no matter what!"

GAME Freeze Dance

One80 Volunteer: "Alright, friends! We're going to have a joyful party just like in our Bible story! When the music starts, We are going to dance full of Joy, and when the music stops, I want you to freeze and stand as still as a statue.

- (Start playing music)
- (Stop music suddenly)

Play a couple of rounds until the kids are getting tired (no need to eliminate children who move)

Pick-up Time:

Play the following clips when waiting for parents to arrive:

[Fruit of the Spirit](#)

[The Prodigal Son](#)