



Lesson  
**41**

1st-4th

# REMEMBER & CELEBRATE

May 30 & 31

## JESUS IS OUR JOY



### LESSON GOAL:

**Background:** In the Old Testament, God asked the Jewish people to slow down each season and celebrate the work He was doing in their lives. We call this Remember & Celebrate.

**Lesson Goal:** For kids to spend time reflecting on and celebrate together how Jesus is our joy!

#### Philippians 4:4-9, NIRV

*<sup>4</sup>Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! <sup>5</sup>Let everyone know how gentle you are. The Lord is coming soon. <sup>6</sup>Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to him. <sup>7</sup>Then God's peace will watch over your hearts and your minds. He will do this because you belong to Christ Jesus. God's peace can never be completely understood.*



### KEY VERSE:

**God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true.** It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right.

**2 Timothy 3:16, NIRV**

### MISSION FOCUS:

#### KIDS CAMP

You don't have to go far away to be a missionary. God has given you a mission field right where you are! Your school, your neighborhood, your team, and your friends are all places where you can show God's love every day. Being kind, including other kids and talking about Jesus are powerful ways to make a difference.

One of the best ways to be a missionary right now is by inviting your friends to Kids Camp! It's a fun, exciting time where they can learn about God, make new friends and experience God's love. Your invitation could change someone's life forever!

**PRAY:** Who is God asking you to invite to Kids Camp?

5:45-6:10pm  
8:45-9:10am  
10:45-11:10am

## CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.



### SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**!

Grab today's **Lesson Card**. Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and leave your card there as a bookmark. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm  
9:10-9:25am  
11:10-11:25am

## EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



## DISCUSS: Remember & Celebrate!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.



### SAY:

Let's take turns sharing three words about our week. I'll go first!  
*Share your three words then invite the next child to share.*



### SAY:

Today is a very special day called Remember & Celebrate! We are pausing to think about and celebrate how **Jesus is Our Joy** in our lives! Let's look at our Bible passage for today, **Philippians 4:4!** Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?



### DO:

Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



## CONNECT: Feasts & Festivals



Help kids understand the value of looking back and remembering what God has done in their lives and celebrating His goodness throughout history.



### SAY:

Today, we want to take time to Remember & Celebrate! What are some special things you like to celebrate? (**examples: birthdays, holidays, getting good grades in school, winning sports events**) Why do you like to celebrate these things? (**allow kids to respond**) We celebrate things that are important to us or have a special meaning in our lives.

In the Old Testament, God asked the people to do the same thing! He wanted the Jewish people to slow down each season and celebrate the work He was doing in their lives. He gave them a religious calendar of seven special feasts and festivals to participate in that all pointed back to one thing - Jesus!

God wants us to slow down and celebrate, too. Sometimes that might look like participating in a feast of our own or sometimes that looks like sitting in a circle and sharing how God has helped us. However it looks, we want to take time to Remember & Celebrate together!



## MAKE: Noise Maker

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

**Supplies:** beads, paper plates, ribbon pieces, markers and crayons



### DO:

Pass out one paper plate per child. Have them decorate it with markers or crayons and attach ribbons to the inside edge of the plate. Help kids fold the paper plate in half, place beads inside the folded plate and staple shut (ensure the plate is fully stapled so the beads do not come out). **IMPORTANT: Ensure kids do not put beads in their mouth.**



### SAY:

Jesus is our joy! Let's make a special craft to help us celebrate Jesus!



## CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



# Craft Example



6:25-6:40pm  
9:25-9:40am  
11:25-11:40am



# LARGE GROUP

## REMEMBER & CELEBRATE



### EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



### HOST MOMENT

The Host welcomes the kids as they enter for Large Group.



#### **SAY:**

Welcome! You may have noticed it looks a little different in Large Group today. That's because today is Remember & Celebrate! We're going to spend some time reflecting and thanking God for all He has done! God is faithful!

#### **REMINDER**

Remind kids that even though today looks a little different, we still need to follow our Large Group expectations.



### WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song video. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

**SONG 1:** My Hope is In the Lord



### LESSON (HOST) - Remember & Celebrate

Using the provided script on the next page, give a short lesson.



### WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song video. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

**SONG 2:** The Joy



### PRAYER

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



### OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.



### BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

*May you have joy because of Jesus' love for you! May you share your joy with everyone around you!*

# LESSON - REMEMBER & CELEBRATE!



## LESSON (HOST) - Remember & Celebrate

Using the provided script below, give a short lesson.



### SAY:

Today is a very special day! It's Remember & Celebrate! It's an intentional time to pause from our normal routine, reflect on who God is and what He has done, and celebrate Jesus.

In the Old Testament, God asked the people to do the same thing! He wanted the Jewish people to slow down each season and celebrate the work He was doing in their lives. He gave them a religious calendar of seven special feasts and festivals to participate in that all pointed back to one thing - Jesus! **Point out the feast props set up on stage.** Today, we're focusing on how **Jesus is Our Joy!** That means we can have joy in our hearts because of Jesus' love for us! Let's read a verse from the Bible, God's Word, that tells us more about this idea.

***Pull out Bible and read Philippians 4:4-9 to kids. Have verse on screen as well.***

Let's read that first part of the verse again: ***"Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!"***

Even when we walk through hard things, we can still have joy... Why? Because Jesus is our joy. We belong to Jesus and His love for us doesn't change no matter our circumstances. He is with us always! The rest of the verse goes on to tell us what we can do when we are having a hard time... We can tell God about everything because He cares. We can go to God in prayer and tell Him what's on our mind. But we should also thank God for who He is! And when we do these things, guess what happens? ***"God's peace will watch over your hearts and your minds."***

When we go back to our classrooms, we will have some time to think and share ways we've received joy from Jesus and ways we have seen God at work lately! So while we sing this final worship song, take a moment to think about the joy you have because of Jesus' love for you!

***Pray to close. Transition to worship song.***

6:40-7:10pm  
9:40-10:10am  
11:40am-12:10pm

# RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



## CHAT & CHEW

Check your classroom roster to ensure none of your kids have allergies, then offer each child a snack and water (provided in your classroom).



**Supplies:** lesson review cards, alphabet cookies (individual packs)



### SAY:

Today, we learned that **JESUS IS OUR JOY!** To celebrate this, we've got a special snack - alphabet cookies! While you enjoy your snack, see what words you can spell out that remind you that Jesus is your joy!

**LESSON REVIEW CARDS:** We've also learned about A LOT of different things over the last several months. Today, I have a picture of each lesson that we've learned so far. Let's pass them around and remember all the ways God showed up in each story! Feel free to share ways God has shown up in your own story over the last several months - we want to celebrate with you!

**CHAT & CHEW QUESTION:** How have you experienced joy in Jesus lately? Have kids take turns sharing their answers.



## PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



### SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



### DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

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## IF TIME ALLOWS: Pass the Joy!

If you have extra time at the end of your lesson and small group time, the kids can participate in this activity that reinforces the daily lesson.

**Supplies:** beach ball, music from Plex



### SAY:

Let's play a game to help us celebrate that Jesus is Our Joy! While the music plays, pass the ball around the circle. When the music stops, whoever is left holding the ball will share one thing that brings them joy. The greatest joy we have is the joy we get from knowing Jesus loves us!



### DO:

Have the class sit in a circle. While the music plays, pass the ball around the circle. When the music stops, whoever is left holding the ball will share one thing that brings them joy. Keep doing this until everyone has had a turn.

As parents  
arrive after  
service

# CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



### DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing them the announcement card and ensuring they take their **Explore Activity**.