

Joy Kids Curriculum

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Fruit of the Spirit:

JOY

Galatians 5:22-23

John 15:9-11

Proverbs 10:28

Provided By: Joy Kids

Hello Parents/Caregiver!

Firstly, thank you for taking advantage of using this curriculum for your child(ren) during these uncertain times. By providing your child with a small piece of normalcy you will be doing huge things for their minds and hearts. Our Joy Kids Team is here to partner with you and your family by continuing to provide curriculum for as long as needed.

The best way to utilize what is provided in this packet is to follow it as closely as possible and use the parts that best suit your individual child(ren). This is meant to cover all ages that attend Joy Kids so it is possible that not all of it will be something your child is capable of or interested in doing.

Above all we hope this provides you with another opportunity to connect with your child(ren) and to have fun while learning about the Word! Also, feel free to add and elaborate on things! We cannot wait until we are able to be under one roof worshipping together again!

- The Joy Kids Team

P.S. If you need clarification on anything please feel free to message the church on Facebook or Felicia Myers directly. We are here to help!

Supplies: No supplies are needed

Overview

- **Open in Prayer** (Encourage your child to do this)
- **Say:** Today we will be continuing to learn about the Fruit of the Spirit! Last week we talked about LOVE and this week we will be talking about the next fruit...JOY!
- **Read:** Galatians 5:22-23 together
- **Ask:**
 - o What is joy? Is it good or bad?
 - o What kinds of things bring you joy?
 - o Who gives us real joy?
- **Read:**

“Always be joyful. Always keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (TLB)
- **Ask:**
 - o Do you think there are times when it would be hard to feel joy?
 - o How is it possible to have joy, to praise God, in difficult times?
- **Say:** Joy is very different from happiness. Happiness cannot be present when someone is sad. But joy can always be present, even at the same time as sadness.
- **Read:** Proverbs 10:28
 - o If we are Christians, we have something the rest of the world does not: the hope of eternal life with God. After we die, we know we will live forever with God. He will wipe away every tear from our eyes and there will be no more sorrow. When we understand that we have this to look forward to, it gives us joy! We know that the hard times we experience on earth will not last forever because of Christ. Knowing this truth allows us to have joy even in the midst of sadness and sorrow.
- **Activity:** We are going to be practicing a game that will help us to express on the outside the joy we feel on the inside. As a family, sit in a circle, and one at a time each person does their best to make the others smile. You can play several rounds of this game.
- **Activity:** As a family come up with an idea of something you can do to bring a little joy to someone else’s life. Some ideas are ...call a relative just to say hi, write a letter or send a post card with encouraging words to someone, drop some treats off at someone’s house...ect.
- **Close in prayer –**
- Ask if your child has anything they would like prayer for. Pray for your community, church, and those affected by COVID -19.