



I Can Have Joy And Share It With Others!

From Professor Playtime's
Christmas Shop of Wonders
Lesson 4

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - JOY

Great leaders focus on what is good and share it with others.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that the joyful news of Jesus' birth should be shared with others.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The Christmas story through the eyes of the shepherds. (Luke 2:8-20)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: LIGHT OF THE WORLD

For this activity you will need a lighter or matches, a Bible, and a candle for each family member. Gather in a dark room. Start with one candle lit. Read Luke 2:8-20. After reading, light one person's candle and have the family pass the flame from the candle around the circle until all the candles are lit. Discuss how sharing the joyful news about Jesus is like sharing the candle flame. Jesus is the light of the world and the light shines brighter and better the more people we share it with. Compare the light in the room with all the candles lit to the light of just the one candle when you started. Just like we shared this light and it brightened the whole room, we need to share the joyful news of Jesus to bring joy to the whole world.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness; they will sing with joy about your righteousness."

Psalm 145:7 (NLT)



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Main Point: I Can Have Joy And Share It With Others!

Read the Leadership Story about the shepherds in Luke 2:8-20. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. Fill in the blank. Pastor Mike said that a lot of people think that joy means _____.
2. What did Pastor Mike say was meant to be shared?
3. Joseph and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem. They looked for something when they got there, but they couldn't find it. What were they looking for?
4. In what type of building was Jesus born? Circle the correct answer.
A palace.
A courtroom.
A hotel.
A stable.
5. To who did God choose to announce the birth of Jesus?
6. Who appeared to the shepherds?
7. What did the shepherds do after the angels told them about Jesus?
8. After they saw baby Jesus, what were the shepherds filled with?



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9. Fill in the blank. The shepherds were joyful because now they knew that God had sent His Son to _____ the world.
 - A. lose.
 - B. find.
 - C. save.
 - D. destroy.
10. How did the shepherds share their joy with people after seeing Jesus?
11. Fill in the blank. Joy comes from knowing that God loves us so much that He sent _____ to help us.
12. Write down the names of some people you are sure you will see this week and then complete question 13.
13. Because Jesus came to be the savior of the world, we can all have the chance to live forever in Heaven with Him. That is a reason for everyone to be joyful. Follow the example of the shepherds and tell the people on your list that Jesus loves them. There are several ways you could do this.
 - Write cards to them.
 - Call them on the phone.
 - Watch this Leadership Video with them.
 - Invite them to church with you.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

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1. Happiness. Being happy.
2. Joy.
3. A place to stay.
4. A stable.
5. Shepherds.
6. Angels.
7. Went to find Jesus.
8. Joy.
9. C.
10. By telling what they had seen and heard.
11. Jesus.
12. Answers will vary depending on the people involved in the child's life.