

Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy that never ends.

DAY 1

Alive with Joy

Read John 20:18 (NirV): Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news. She said, "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Mary was the first to see Jesus alive. She had been sad when Jesus died. But everything changed the moment she saw Him alive. Joy rushed in.

You can have that same joy. Because Jesus is alive, joy never has to run out. Jesus is with you right now. He listens when you talk to Him. He helps you when you feel stuck.

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On each sun ray, write or draw one thing that brings you joy because Jesus is alive.



## DAY 2

### Joy You Can Take Home

*Read Matthew 28:8 (NirV): "The women hurried away from the tomb. They were afraid, but they were filled with joy. They ran to tell the disciples."*

Joy can surprise you. The women at the empty tomb felt scared and joyful at the same time. Life is like that. You can feel more than one emotion.

Joy grows ...

- ➔ when you share it.
- ➔ when you remind someone that Jesus is with them.
- ➔ when you help someone who feels alone.
- ➔ when you thank Jesus for something small.

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These choices help you live out joy that comes from knowing Jesus. Jesus said in John 16:22 that no one can take away the joy He gives. That means your joy is not fragile. It is stronger than hard days.

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At-Home Activity: Ask someone in your home to join you for a Joy Hunt. Walk around your home and look for five items that remind you of God's goodness. It can be anything. A snack you love. A cozy blanket. A picture of someone you care about. Share why each item brings you joy because Jesus is alive.



DAY 3

## Joy in Your Heart

*Read Romans 6:9 (NIRV): "We know that Christ was raised from the dead and will never die again. Death doesn't control him anymore."*

Think about something that makes you smile every time. Maybe a pet. A good friend. A favorite place. Those things bring happiness, but happiness fades. Joy stays. Joy is deeper because it comes from Jesus.

Take a moment and think about Jesus being alive right now. He is strong. He is loving. He is with you. No problem is too big for Him. No fear is too small. That truth fills you with joy that nothing can erase.

Joy shows up when you trust Jesus, when you talk to Him, and when you remember that nothing is stronger than Jesus.

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Personal Reflection: Close your eyes and think about one area of your life where you want more joy. Ask yourself what it would look like to trust Jesus in that part of your life. Write a short sentence that starts with: "I can have joy because Jesus is alive when I feel or think ...". Finish the sentence with your honest answer.

**You can have joy because Jesus is alive.**



DAY 4

## Praying with Joy

*Read 1 Peter 1:8 (NIRV): "Even though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, you believe in him. You are filled with a glorious joy that can't be put into words."*

You have never seen Jesus with your eyes. But you can know Him. You can love Him. You can trust Him. And that fills your life with joy. A joy so strong that words are not enough.

Prayer is one of the best ways to grow that joy. When you talk to Jesus, you remember He is near. You remember He cares about every part of your day.

Joy is not about pretending everything is fine. Joy is choosing to believe Jesus is with you every moment, good or bad. That truth changes your heart.

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Pray this: "Jesus, thank You for being alive. Help me trust You today. Help me share joy with others. Fill my heart with the kind of joy that only You can give. I know I can have joy because You are alive. In Jesus' name, Amen."



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### 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.



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.



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.



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### Joy in God's Mission

*Read Matthew 28:18 (NIRV): Then Jesus came to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."*

Jesus gave His followers a huge mission. He told them to go and make disciples everywhere. That might seem big or even scary, but Jesus started with something important. He reminded them that He has all authority. This means Jesus is in charge. Jesus leads the way.

You can have joy because God is with you when you follow His mission. You don't have to be brave on your own. You don't have to know everything. Simply trust Jesus. He gives you strength. He helps you share His love with others.

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On-Page Graphic Activity: Draw a globe. Around it, write places you go each week like school, your neighborhood, or sports practice. Then write one way you can show Jesus' love in each place. Jesus is with you wherever you go.

DAY 2

Joy in God's Promise

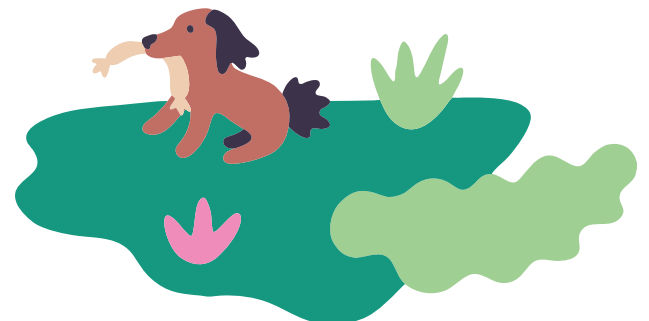
Read: Matthew 28:20 (NIRV): "Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end."

When Jesus gave His friends their mission, He didn't leave them to do it alone. He made them a promise. He said He would always be with them. That promise brought joy to the disciples. It can bring joy to you too.

You might face moments that feel tough. Maybe you have to make a wise choice when no one else is doing it. Maybe you feel nervous about saying something kind or standing up for someone. Jesus is with you. That is why you can have joy.

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At-Home Activity: Walk through your house. In each room, say, "Jesus is with me here." Let it remind you that God is always by your side.





DAY 3

### Joy in God's Power

*Read Acts 1:8 (NirV): "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me ... from one end of the earth to the other."*

Jesus told His friends that God would send the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would give them power. Power to love. Power to speak boldly. Power to live like Jesus.

God gives that same Spirit to everyone who trusts Jesus. You can have joy because God gives you everything you need to follow Him. You don't have to figure life out alone. God guides you. God strengthens you. God works through you.



Personal Reflection: Write a list of five things you need God's help with. Pray over each one. Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to give you power.

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DAY 4

### Joy in God's Return

*Read Acts 1:11 (NirV): "Men of Galilee ... Jesus has been taken away from you into heaven. But he will come back in the same way you saw him go."*

After Jesus went up into heaven, the disciples stood staring at the sky. They were amazed. Then the angels told them something incredible—Jesus would come back. That promise gave them joy and hope. It gave them courage to continue the mission Jesus started.

You can have joy because God is with you now, and Jesus will return one day. No matter what happens, God's story ends with joy. God's story ends with victory. That means your story does too.



Pray this: "God, thank You for being with me. Thank You for sending Jesus and for promising that He will return. Help me live with joy, courage, and hope every day. In Jesus' name, Amen."

## You can have joy because God is with you.



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## Wind and Fire Joy

*Read Acts 2:4 (NIRV): “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had not known before.”*

Have you ever felt excited when something big was about to happen? That’s what the disciples experienced before Pentecost. They were waiting for God to do something amazing. When the Holy Spirit came, everything changed. The Spirit filled them with courage, joy, and power. They spoke boldly about Jesus in ways they never could have done alone.

The Holy Spirit also helps you understand Scripture, guides your choices, and reminds you that God’s power is real. Joy grows when you trust that God is working even when you can’t see the whole story. You can have joy because God promises He is with you always and will never leave you.

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On-Page Graphic Activity: Draw wind and fire symbols on your page. Inside the wind, write something the Holy Spirit helps you remember. Inside the fire, write something the Holy Spirit gives you the courage to do.

DAY 2

Joy that Grows

Read Galatians 5:22-23 (NIRV): “But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.”

Growing a plant from a tiny seed takes time, sunlight, and water. The fruit of the Spirit grows in your heart the same way. When you follow Jesus and listen to the Holy Spirit, joy begins to grow inside you. It becomes easier to see God’s goodness and trust His plan.

Joy is not just a feeling. Joy comes from the Holy Spirit. Even when things are hard, the Holy Spirit reminds you that God is close. The Holy Spirit helps you notice blessings you might have missed. The Holy Spirit helps you keep going with hope.

Even when plans change, God is working. Joy shows others that God is doing something beautiful in you.

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At-Home Activity: Find a plant at home or outside and water it. As you care for it, say, “Holy Spirit, help joy grow in me.”





### DAY 3

## Joy that Strengthens

*Read Isaiah 41:10 (NirV): “So do not be afraid. I am with you. Do not be terrified. I am your God.”*

Have you ever needed strength when you felt tired or discouraged? The Holy Spirit gives you strength to keep going. The Spirit reminds you of God’s promises and helps you believe that God is working for good. Joy grows when you remember you are never alone.

The Holy Spirit helps you make wise choices. The Holy Spirit helps you stay patient with others. The Holy Spirit helps you speak kindly even when it’s difficult. When you follow the Holy Spirit’s leading, joy becomes part of who you are.

You can talk to God anytime and about anything. Hard things still happen, but you never face them alone. Joy grows when you trust God’s plan. The Holy Spirit helps you be brave and filled with joy every day.

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Personal Reflection: Write down one situation where you need strength. Then, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

### DAY 4

## Joy to Share

*Read Matthew 5:16 (NirV): “Let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do.”*

Joy does not stay quiet. When the Holy Spirit fills your heart, joy becomes something you want to share. Others notice when you encourage them, help them, or speak kindly to them. The Holy Spirit works through you to show God’s love to the world.

Sharing joy is part of God’s plan. When you choose to be joyful, your light shines. Someone who feels sad or lonely may find hope because of the joy you share. The Holy Spirit helps you spread joy wherever you go.

The Holy Spirit gives you ideas for helping others. You might write a note, share a smile, or include someone who feels left out. Every moment is a chance to show God’s love.

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Pray this: “Holy Spirit, fill my heart with joy. Help me share joy with my family, friends, and anyone who needs hope. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

**God’s Spirit gives you joy.**