

Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy that never ends

DAY 1: REVIEW

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DAY 2: JOY STARTS WITH JESUS

Read Philippians 4:4 (NirV)

Think about our memory verse in Philippians 4:4. The apostle Paul reminds us to always be joyful. Why? Because we belong to the Lord. That means we're already part of the best team—God's team. Our identity is in Christ. We are known by God. We are loved by God. Whether we win first place or come in last place, we belong to the Lord. And that truth gives us joy! We can have joy because God will be right there with us every step of the way. God will never leave us or stop loving us.

So think about this: How can you show the joy that comes from Jesus at home, at school, or at practice this week?

DAY 3: THE JOY THAT NEVER ENDS

Read Psalm 16:11 (NirV)

How did you celebrate Easter? With JOY!

You can live with joy every day because you are living in the presence of the Lord. You can live it out by choosing kindness, hope, or courage. Does that sound scary or impossible? You can do it because Jesus is alive and with you.

Try paying attention today. Where do you notice moments of joy God is giving you? It could be small, like a laugh with a friend or a quiet moment when you feel calm. Joy is everywhere when you look for it.

Try This: Grab a sticky note and write down one way you want to celebrate Jesus this week. Place it on your bathroom mirror so you see it every morning and remember the joy Jesus gives you.

DAY 4: CELEBRATE WITH YOUR LIFE

Read Romans 15:13 (NirV)

When you remember that Jesus is alive, it changes how you act, speak, and think. Joy doesn't have to be loud. Sometimes joy looks like choosing peace when you feel

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DAY 2: A SURPRISING WALK

Read Psalm 34:18 (NirV)

Have you ever felt super sad or confused about something? That's how two of Jesus' followers felt. They were walking to a town called Emmaus and talking about the awful death of Jesus. They didn't know the whole story yet—that Jesus had risen from the dead—so they couldn't see any reason to be happy. As they were walking, someone started walking with them, but they didn't recognize who it was. Jesus was with them!

Even when things seem sad or confusing, it helps to remember that you can have joy because there's a bigger

story. Jesus is with you. And there's more going on than what you can see or know.

Think about a time you felt sad or confused. What was going on?

Remember: Jesus is always with you, even when you don't realize it.

DAY 3: IT ALL POINTS TO JESUS

Read Isaiah 53:5-6 (NirV)

The two friends on the road thought Jesus' story was over. But the stranger (who was Jesus!) showed them that His death wasn't a surprise ending. It was actually part of the plan all along! He explained how hundreds of years earlier, prophets wrote about what would happen. This helped the two friends see that God had a huge, amazing plan. The Bible is one big story that all points to Jesus. When we start to see the clues, we can find joy because there's a bigger story.

At-Home Activity: Look up Psalm 22:1, Psalm 22:16, and Psalm 22:18. Think about how amazing it is that God had a plan to rescue us all along!

DAY 4: THE BIG REVEAL

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NirV)

When you decide to follow Jesus, something amazing happens—you become a new creation. What does that

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Read Romans 8:38–39 (NirV)

Jesus gave His friends an impossible-sounding mission. They were supposed to go tell the entire world about Him. That is huge. And they didn't even have the Internet! But Jesus also told them that He would always be with them. Absolutely nothing could separate them from God. They didn't have to go into the world alone. They could have confidence because God, the Creator of everything, would be with them and work through them.

And it started with them telling one person. And then another. And then another.

You don't have to wait until you feel "good enough" or "brave enough" or "old enough" to start telling people about Jesus. You can start in your neighborhood, at school, and at practice. People everywhere need to hear about Jesus, and you're not alone on that mission. Near or far, Jesus goes with you ... no matter what!

1. Write one place you will go this week: _____
_____.
2. Write the name of one person you can tell about Jesus this week: _____.

DAY 3: JOY THAT NEVER RUNS OUT

Read Acts 1:6–11 (NirV)

You can start sharing God's love right where you are. You don't need to get on an airplane and go around the world. Look for needs around you. Is there someone in your neighborhood or school who needs you to share God's love with them? A kind word, a simple prayer, or helping someone who is struggling can show God's love in real ways. Remember, God is with you and will help you!

3. Fill in the blank: "Because God is with me, I can say yes to _____."

At-Home Activity: Ask someone at home to help you notice one need in your neighborhood. Together, do one small thing to help someone else.

DAY 4: CONFIDENCE IN THE KING

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God invites you to be part of His story. When you follow

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DAY 2: POWER TO BRING JOY

Read Acts 2:1-4 (NirV)

On Pentecost, the promise Jesus made to send the Holy Spirit became real. The Holy Spirit filled the disciples. Jesus didn't just tell His disciples to go do something—the Holy Spirit was giving them what they needed to do it. That was an incredible day! People saw the Holy Spirit do something amazing.

The same Spirit lives in you when you follow Jesus. The Holy Spirit helps you every day. He helps you understand the Bible. He helps you remember Scripture that you've read. He gives you wisdom to know how to navigate situations. The Holy Spirit helps us in so many ways.

Write down questions you have about the Holy Spirit.

DAY 3: JOY OTHERS CAN SEE

Read Acts 2:5-12 (NirV)

When the Spirit filled the disciples, people from different countries heard God's message in their own languages. That miracle showed God's power, but it also showed God's love. Joy spread through the crowd because they realized God cared about every nation and every person.

God's Spirit gives you joy that others can see.

Your joy can shine when you help someone, forgive someone, or show patience when you would rather argue. Joy is not pretending everything is perfect. Joy comes from knowing God is with you and working through you. When you live by the Spirit, your joy becomes a light that helps others see Jesus.

Fill in the blanks:

1. God loves _____ (name someone younger than you).
2. God loves _____ (name someone older than you).
3. God loves _____ (name someone that lives in a place far away).
4. God loves _____ (name someone that can speak a different language).

