

Joy Story (Imaginarium)

Week 3 (Dec 21 2025)

BIG IDEA

Jesus brings joy to the world.

BIBLE

Mary Visits Elizabeth: Luke 1:39–56; Zephaniah 3:14–17

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Have you ever gotten a gift that was so perfect for you that it made you want to dance or jump with joy? This week, we'll take a look at the time when Mary visited Elizabeth to share joyful news with her. Once they saw each other, they both broke out in celebration because Jesus brings joy to the world.

CHECK-IN/PERFORMANCE PRACTICE (15 MIN)

Check- In Opens 15 min before the Experience begins and closes 15 min after it begins

Have kids lined up in front of stage and practicing the songs before the experience starts

At the start of each experience time (8:30, 10, 11:30) LINE KIDS UP at the back door

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE (20 MIN)

Once kids are lined up at the door tell them they have to be very quiet in the hallway.

- Walk them into the hallway and line them up against the wall outside of the side Auditorium door
- When Pastor Angela tells you walk the kids in and line them up on stage (purple & Orange will enter after)
 - 2 leaders leading them across the stage and then exiting off stage on the other side and staying there to help kids on that side of the stage
- After the performance have kids come off the stage and sit on the left side of the floor in front of the stage for Elsa's performance
 - All leaders sit mingled with the kids on the left side of the floor in front of the stage

Once Elsa is done:

- Stand kids up as quickly and quietly as possible and lead them out the back door of the auditorium
- Have kids sit on benches as they get back into the room

Large Group Time

Welcome (5 MIN)

Introduce yourself and the other teachers

Welcome any first time kids (Have them come up front, introduce them, give them their 5 Felix Bucks and explain what Felix bucks are)

Pass out Felix Bucks (those attending more than one experience can receive Felix Bucks for all experiences they attend)

- Bible (1 Felix Buck)
- Notebook (1 Felix Buck)
- Paper from previous week (5 Felix Bucks)

Welcome back to *Joy Story*! There are so many things that can bring us joy around Christmastime. Catchy carols, time with friends, presents, hot cocoa ... but the joy these things bring doesn't last forever.

There is someone, however, who came to bring us a massive amount of joy—so much joy that it is enough for the whole world!

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

VIDEO | Joy Story, Episode 3 (8 MIN)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of [Grow TV](#).
- Or download the months videos [here](#).

CRAFT | Snowman Ornament (15 MIN)

PRE SUNDAY PREP: Have ornaments in the room; have snowman sticker sheets in the room; Have white yarn and scissors in the room; Have the poem cards in the room

- **INSTRUCTIONS:**
 - Give each child both halves of one ornament, one snowman decorating sheet and one small poem card
 - Tell them to put their snowman sticker on the outside of one half of their ornament and decorate it with the other stickers
 - Take the white yarn and have each child come up to be measured; hold a peice of yarn up and cut it at the childs height
 - Have the child put the yarn and the small card inside the ornament where you can read the card
 - Have them close the ornament and put a piece of white yarn through the top

MEMORY VERSE | Luke 1:46–47 (NIV) (if you have time)

- **PRE SUNDAY PREP:** Have the scripture written on gifts bags one word on each bag
 - **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have 14 volunteers come up and hold the peices of paper out of order; then ask one volunteer to come up and put them in the correct order with the help of the class.
 - **"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."**

Small Group Time

DISCUSSION (if needed)

- **SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS**
 - **Where did Mary go as soon as the angel left her?** *To visit Elizabeth.*
 - **What is something interesting that happened when Mary greeted Elizabeth?** *The baby in Elizabeth's belly leaped for joy!*
 - **How did Mary respond when Elizabeth told her she was blessed?** *She sang a song and gave praise to God.*
 - **Read Zephaniah 3:17. How does this verse remind you that God loves you?**
- **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**
 - **What are some things that bring you joy, at least for a little while?**
 - **What are some things that take away your joy?**

How does God give us joy that lasts forever?