

Joy Story (Purple/Orange)

Week 3 (Dec 21 2025)

BIG IDEA

Jesus brings joy to the world.

BIBLE

Mary Visits Elizabeth: Luke 1:39–56

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 PRACTICE (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

Welcome Time!

Welcome (5 MIN)

Welcome back to Joy Story! We are so glad that you are here. My name is _____ and these are my helpers _____.

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VIDEO | Joy Story, Episode 3 (8 MIN)

INSTRUCTIONS: Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).

- Other campuses: you can use the video linked above or download the videos for this month [here](#)

HAND OUT SNACK BEFORE VIDEO THIS WEEK

Bathroom (10 MIN)

PURPLE ROOM GO ON THE WAY BACK FROM THE PERFORMANCE; ORANGE ROOM GO AT THIS SLOT

- Line Kids up (Lead Teacher in front/assistant in back)
- Exit room to left and walk kids to the kids bathroom
- Allow 4 girls at a time or 4 boys (boys and girls should never go in at the same time)
- Lead teacher stands at the door with foot in door so they can hear if there are any problems
- Assistant helps keeps the kids waiting entertained, quiet and in their spots against the wall
- Make sure to ask if they washed their hands when done
- Once all kids are done and out of the restroom, lead teacher checks to make sure it looks ok, toilets have been flushed and nothing has been placed in toilets.
- Then walk back to class
- We never assist with anything other than buttoning pants and lead teacher should be in view of assistant at all time.
- If a child needs assistance other than buttoning pants the parent/guardian must be contacted

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

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page (if needed)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Print and distribute [the coloring page](#) along with crayons or markers. You can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse as the kids color.*