

JUNE 13/14 UPTOWN FAMILY GODTIME



WHAT YOU NEED

Bible, clean container or jar, craft supplies, glue, craft sticks



WHAT YOU DO

Read Acts 6:16- 34; Philippians 4:4

Decorate your container or jar with various craft supplies.
Include the word "JOY" on the outside of the mason jar.



WHAT YOU SAY

What an awesome story about Paul and Silas! We learned that we can have joy because God loves us. Today we are making a Joy Jar to help us remember this.

Now that our jars are decorated, we can talk about what the craft sticks are for. We are going to write down some trials or difficult things that we are going through right now. It can be as individuals or as a family. If we need, we can write more than one stick per person. Once we write down our trials, we will put the stick in our joy jars. We will pray about our trials and communicate with God about them. Then in a week or two (or even a month), we will go back and read the trials on the sticks and talk about how we saw God used each trial to make our faith stronger and better.

We can have joy because God loves us! We can trust Him no matter what. Paul said it so well, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, rejoice!"
Philippians 4:4.

We know that joy is finding a way to be happy even when things don't go our way. When we do this, we are showing others Jesus through our actions and words!



PRAY

Father God thank you for all that we have! Thank you for allowing us to be able to have a relationship with you. You remind us that we can have joy even when things are not going our way. Help us to remember that we can trust you no matter what. We love you! In Jesus' Name, Amen!

PARENT CORNER

Weekly

TODAY: JUNE 13-14

Bible Story: Jailhouse Rock (Paul & Silas) *Acts 6:16-34*

Big Idea: We can have JOY because God loves us.

Memory Verse: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it, again: rejoice!"
Philippians 4:4

Life App: Joy: Finding a way to be happy even when things don't go your way.

Bible Story Summary: In Acts 6:16-34, we hear of an amazing story about two men, Paul and Silas. Paul and Silas were traveling around telling everyone about Jesus. In the midst of it, they were faced with some that did NOT want to hear about the Good News of Jesus. Paul and Silas were beaten, shackled, and thrown in jail!

They knew that they could have joy in that moment because God loves us! They began to worship Him! There was a tremendous earthquake and the prison doors flew open. What? But Paul and Silas did not run out. They stayed and told the jailer about God. The jailer and his family became followers of Jesus that very night!

Even when things don't go our way, having joy means that we can still find a way to be happy. We can praise God at all times, in all our situations!



As your kids are going to bed, ask them about a time that they thought things weren't going their way. Ask them how they were able to get through it. How has that moment changed them looking at things going forward? Where did they find joy?

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WEEK 2

God TIME

DAY 1

READ 1 *Thessalonians 5:16-18*

"Be joyful" is a command in the Bible, just like "be honest" or "obey your parents." You are honest and obedient by DOING something: you tell the truth and you obey. Likewise, you are joyful when you DO something: you praise God. The Bible tells us how to experience JOY: praise God at all times, in all circumstances.

David, the shepherd-king who wrote the book of Psalms, praised God when King Saul tried to kill him, when his son died, and when he became king. Read Psalms 34:1-5. David didn't focus on his problems or blessings.

What is the FIRST thing he did to start praising God? (Clue: Read verse 4)

THANK God and praise Him for everything, all the time.

DAY 2

READ *Habakkuk 3:17-19*

If a pet dies, you could be sad. You're probably angry when your team loses. The school bully may make you afraid. Sometimes you don't feel like praising God. Fortunately, praise doesn't depend on how you feel. You can CHOOSE to praise God for who He is and all He has done, even when you don't really feel like it!

Powerful emotions can be like a big monster that tries to take over your life. In the space to the right, draw a big sword or light saber and write the word PRAISE on it. Praise is a powerful weapon that can cut emotions down to size!

ASK God for help when you feel bad.

DAY 3

READ James 1:2-4 & 1 Peter 1:6-7

It can be hard to tell God thank you when something BAD happens. But it helps to know that God has a GOOD purpose even for things that seem bad. When you praise God even in the middle of the bad stuff, it shows that you know you can trust God no matter what- and that gives you joy!

With parents' permission, slice a lemon into sections. Take a small taste of the lemon. Now squeeze the lemon into a glass of water and add some sugar. Taste again. Praise is the sugar that turns life's lemons into joyful lemonade!

LOOK for ways God can use your bad situation for good!

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

DAY 4

READ James 1:17

If it's hard to praise God when you don't feel like it or when something bad happens, it should be easy to praise Him when you're happy and good stuff happens. But sometimes we forget about God. We may give credit to ourselves, our parents, or our friends for the good stuff. But every single good thing is sent to you from God because He LOVES you!

Count your blessings! On each number, write a word that represents something good God has given you or done for you. Now praise God for these blessings!

1	2	3	4	5
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KNOW that God loves you!

parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at

church? Download a free app called Parent

Cue. This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.

There are additional resources that Pathway will be providing for you during this time at <https://pccfw.org/covid-19/>



at a GLANCE



Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

We will be postponing Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping until we are able to meet again, in person! We cannot wait to see you then! Until that time, please save your GodTimes and UpTown Challenges... You WILL be able to turn them all in for Bible Bucks!

FACEBOOK:

Please check out our KidCity Facebook page! There will be additional videos, challenges, and EXCITING activities going on there!



Child's Name: _____