

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: DECEMBER 20

Bible Story: Joyful, Joyful (Gabriel Appears to Mary)
Luke 1:26-56 (Supporting: Luke 1:5-25)

Big Idea: You can have joy because God has a plan for you.

Memory Verse: “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.” *Luke 2:11 NIRV*

Life App: Christmas — Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift

Bible Story Summary: In Luke 1:26-56 we discover that the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce that she would be Jesus' mother. This must have come as quite a surprise. After all, Mary wasn't married yet, and she had a different plan for her life. Gabriel reminded her that nothing is impossible with God. She could have been overwhelmed by this startling news, but she chose to respond with a song of joy.

You can have joy because God has a plan for you. As we look over the past year, most of us could say that our plans changed a bit. Maybe we missed a vacation. Maybe we had to work from home. Maybe we even got sick. When our plans are thrown up in the air, we can still find joy. Nothing takes God by surprise. We can trust that God has an ultimate plan for our lives. We pray that all kids would discover the joy that comes from believing in Jesus and God's plan for us.

Meal Time



Q&A for kids: What makes you happy? What brings you joy? Are they the same things?

Q&A for parents: Have you ever felt joy even when you weren't necessarily happy? Share how that was possible!

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WEEK 3



DAY 1

Read Luke 1:30-33

Draw a picture of a gift you received last Christmas.

Draw a picture of a gift you received for Christmas two years ago.

Draw a picture of a gift you received for Christmas three years ago.

Can you go back that far? Most of us probably can't. The gift you received three years ago was probably something that seemed SO important at the time, but it's probably not even something you play with anymore. If your happiness depended on that gift, it sure doesn't last long. Thankfully, our joy is dependent on one thing only, and that's Jesus. Jesus is the greatest gift ever given, and it's the only gift that keeps on giving FOREVER!

THANK God that our joy can last forever because Jesus lives forever.

DAY 2

Read Romans 5:2

Interview someone in your family, using the following question:

What do you think of when you hear the word “news”?

Why don't you like to get bad news?

What is the best news you ever heard?

How did you feel when you got that news?

Jesus came to earth and died for our sins, so we can have a relationship with God and live with Him forever. That's good news! And God's gift is for now: a relationship with Him—and forever: living in heaven with Him. Can you think of any greater, more joy-filling news?

ASK God to give you joy as you remember the good news of Jesus.

DAY 3

Read John 16:33

If you were going into battle, circle the object below that you'd want to have.

a strong leader protective armor a baby

Most of us would probably pick something that could protect us or fight for us. But God sent salvation to us in the most unlikely way: a baby, born in a manger. Because of that baby, you can know God and you can have joy. But knowing God doesn't mean that things will automatically go your way. Nope; you're still going to face trouble. But the Bible tells us that in the end, Jesus wins. We can have joy even when it looks like we'll lose the battle, because Jesus has promised that He'll never leave us, and HE will ultimately win.

LOOK at the manger and remember why you can have joy.

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

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.



DAY 4

Read James 1:17

Unscramble the letters to reveal the words to a song we often sing at Christmas.

YJO OT TEH LRODW, ETH ORDL SI CEMO TEL REAHT EERCIVE RHE NKIG

Every good gift comes from God—including the best gift of all: Jesus! God, who doesn't change, who created everything and everyone, that God wants to give you the gift of eternal life in heaven with Him. All we have to do is accept that gift and we will experience joy forever! If you haven't made the decision to trust Jesus and receive God's most perfect gift, and you'd like to, talk to a parent or your Small Group Leader!

KNOW that joy comes from knowing Jesus.

at a GLANCE



Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

We will be postponing Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping until further notice! Please note that you are more than welcome turn in ALL OF YOUR GODTIMES and collect your Bible Bucks. We encourage you to save them!

FACEBOOK:

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Child's Name: _____