



Preschool Lesson



Lesson 1: Joy



Whatchagaddaknow:

“I’ll Be Full Of The Joy Of The Lord!”



Power Verse:

“But let the godly rejoice...Let them be filled with joy.”

- Psalm 68:3

Before the Lesson

- * Collect the items for the activities you plan to use, referring to the Classroom Supplies and Lesson Manual Supplies listed in the chart.
- * Pray for your students and for God’s direction in teaching the class.

This Lesson at a Glance

Activity	Classroom Supplies	Lesson Manual Supplies
Bible Story – This week, the kids will learn from the story of David dancing for joy (2 Samuel 6).		Bible Story Pictures (pg. 6-9)
Hands-On-Learning – The kids will learn that we can have God’s joy no matter what!	Several balloons that you can inflate	
Craft Option #1 – Bible Story Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 10)
Craft Option #2 - Dancing David Craft	Crayons or markers, scissors, brads	Dancing David Craft Print Piece (pg. 11)
Craft Option #3 – I’ll Be Full Of The Joy Of The Lord Coloring Page	Crayons or markers	Jesus & Kids Coloring Page Print Piece (pg. 12)



Bible Story

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Pictures (provided on pg. 6-9)

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. Have the children gathered around so they can see the pictures.

- Say-** The Bible tells a story about King David. The king had been away on a mission to get the Ark of the Covenant from a faraway land and bring it back to Jerusalem.
- Say-** The Ark of the Covenant was VERY special. It was a big, beautiful box that was blessed by God! Inside were the Ten Commandments from God and many other important things for God’s people.
- Say-** Finally, King David was able to bring the Ark back to Jerusalem, God’s Holy City. (*show pic*) As King David entered Jerusalem, he went in front of the ark, praising God.
- Say-** David was the King of Israel, but he wasn’t wearing his royal robe as he worshipped. Instead, he was wearing a “linen ephod”, which was not very “king-like” at all. David didn’t care about how he looked. He just wanted to worship God. (*show pic*)
- Say-** In fact, David worshipped God so much that he began to dance. He led the entire group in praise and shouting unto God. David had the joy of the Lord!
- Say-** King David’s wife, Michal, was not very happy. (*show pic*) She got angry at King David. She told King David that he looked very silly dancing and celebrating like that. She didn’t think this made him look very good in front of all the people.
- Say-** King David wasn’t focused on what people thought; he was focused on GOD. So, King David looked at his wife and said, (*show pic*) “I was dancing before the Lord. So, I am willing to act like a fool to show my joy in the Lord. Yes, I am willing to look even more foolish than this!”
- Say-** King David understood that God wants his children to be full of JOY!

Pray



Hands-On Learning

Supplies Needed: Several balloons that you can inflate

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, gather classroom materials. Have the children gathered around so they can see any illustration materials.

Say- Today, we are talking about JOY! King David was full of God’s JOY!

Ask- What did King David do when he was overwhelmed with joy?

-Allow time for responses-

Say- You’re right! King David worshipped and danced!

Say- Did you know that we can have the same JOY that David had? It’s true! JOY is something very special. Joy is a gift from God!

Say- Joy is even better than feeling happy. Let me explain. *(Blow up a balloon, but don’t tie the bottom; hold it closed)*

Say- Happiness comes and goes. Have you ever been in a bad mood? I have! When you’re in a bad mood, happiness goes away. *(Let some air out of the balloon)*

Say- Have you ever felt sad or scared? I have! When you’re in a bad mood, happiness goes away. *(Let some air out of the balloon)*

Say- When bad times happen, happiness goes away quickly! *(Release the balloon and let it fly away)*

Ask- What are some things that make you feel sad or mad?

-Allow time for answers-

Say- Those things are really hard. But guess what? When bad times come, we can still have JOY. God’s joy can stay in our hearts!

Say- How can we still have joy if we feel unhappy? I will tell you!

Say- Happiness is something we feel. Joy is a gift from God. Joy is an attitude that we choose. Even when things are going wrong, we can choose joy. *(Inflate another balloon and hold it as you talk)*

Say- Even when you drop your ice cream cone, you can have joy. Even if you fall and skin your knee, you can have joy. Even if you are sick, you can have joy.

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Hands-On Learning

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Say- You can have joy no matter what happens! King David had JOY from God. We can have JOY from God.

Say- Next time you are feeling unhappy, mad, sad, or scared, ask God to help you choose JOY!

Say- Let's say this together: I'll be full of the joy of the Lord! *(Say the phrase aloud with the kids)*

Pray



Craft #1: Bible Story Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 10); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Bible Story Coloring Page Print Piece. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.



Craft #2: Dancing David Craft

Supplies Needed: Dancing David Craft Print Piece (provided on pg. 11); Crayons or markers; Scissors; Brads

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the Dancing David Craft Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough craft pages for each kid to have one. This will work best if printed on cardstock. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for crafting.

How To Do Craft - Allow the kids to decorate the design using crayons or markers. Cut out both pieces and use a brad to attach them at the spots designated with an x. This will allow David's legs to pivot back and forth to mimic dancing. As you help the kids with the craft, talk about how we can have JOY from God, just like King David.



Craft #3: I'll Be Full Of The Joy Of The Lord Coloring Page

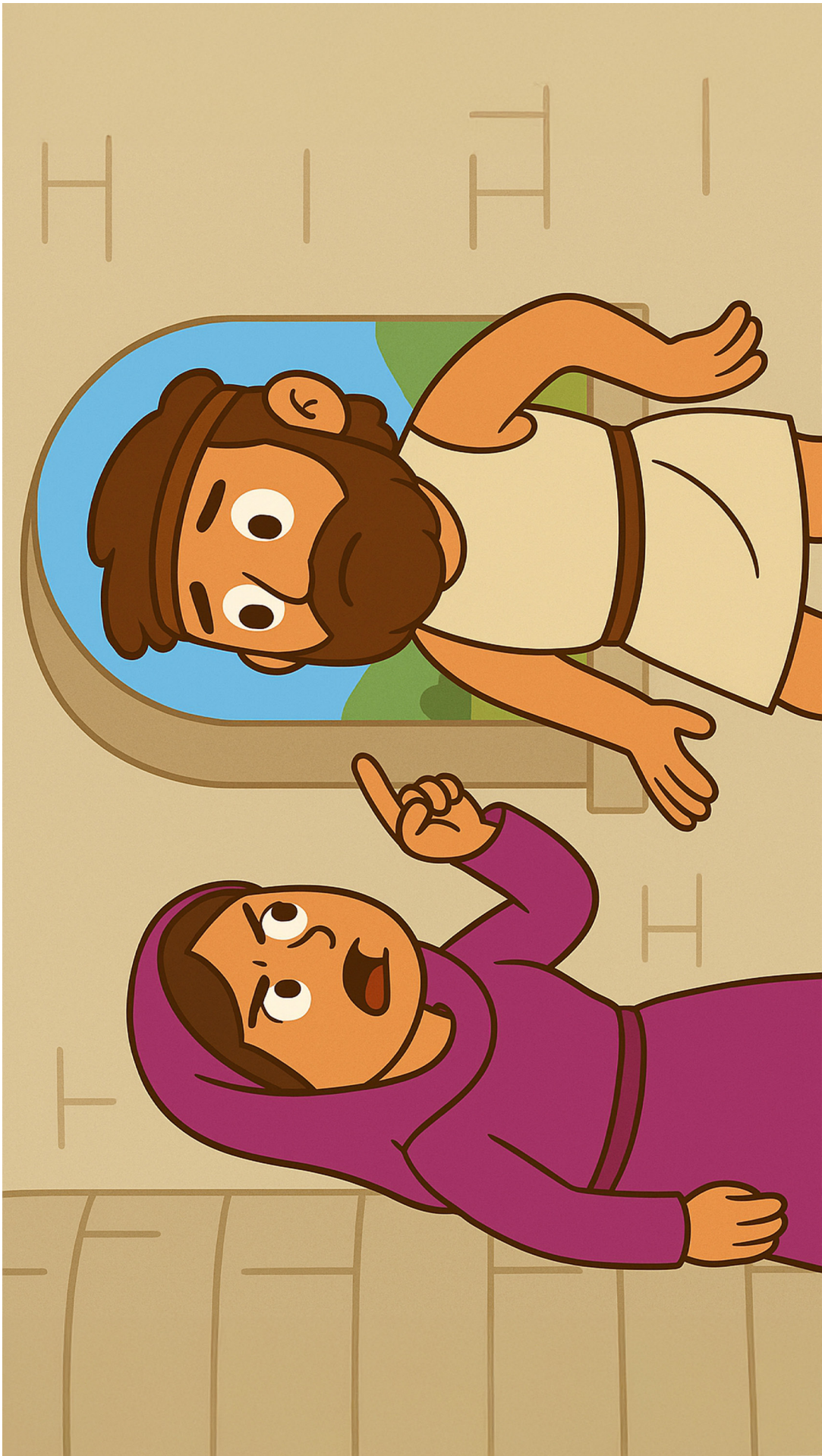
Supplies Needed: I'll Be Full Of The Joy Of The Lord Coloring Page Print Piece (provided on pg. 12); Crayons or markers

Teacher Instruction: Before class begins, print the I'll Be Full Of The Joy Of The Lord Coloring Page Print Pieces. Make sure you have enough for each kid to have one. Gather the classroom materials as well. Have the kids sit in an area that is appropriate for coloring.

How To Do Craft - Kids can color freely as they choose.





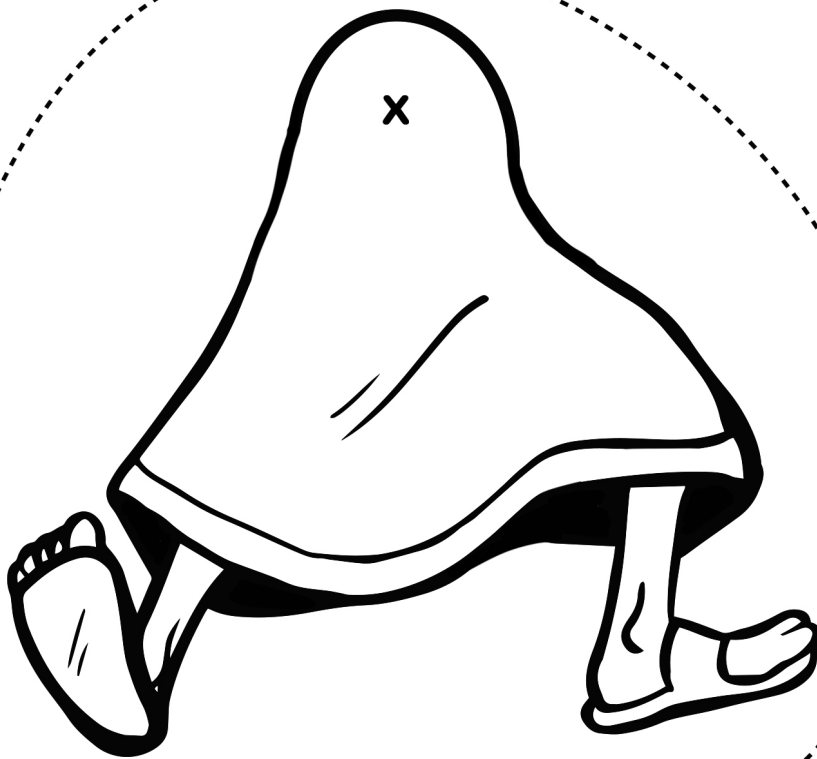






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David Danced With JOY!





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