



BLOCK PARTY: CELEBRATING JESUS AND JOY THAT NEVER ENDS.

DAY 1

JOY IN GOD'S MISSION

Read Matthew 28:18 (NirV): Then Jesus came to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Jesus gave His followers a huge mission. He told them to go and make disciples everywhere. That might seem big or even scary, but Jesus started with something important. He reminded them that He has all authority. This means Jesus is in charge. Jesus leads the way.

You can have joy because God is with you when you follow His mission. You don't have to be brave on your own. You don't have to know everything. Simply trust Jesus. He gives you strength. He helps you share His love with others.

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*On-Page Graphic Activity:* Draw a globe. Around it, write places you go each week like school, your neighborhood, or sports practice. Then write one way you can show Jesus' love in each place. Jesus is with you wherever you go.

DAY 2

## JOY IN GOD'S PROMISE

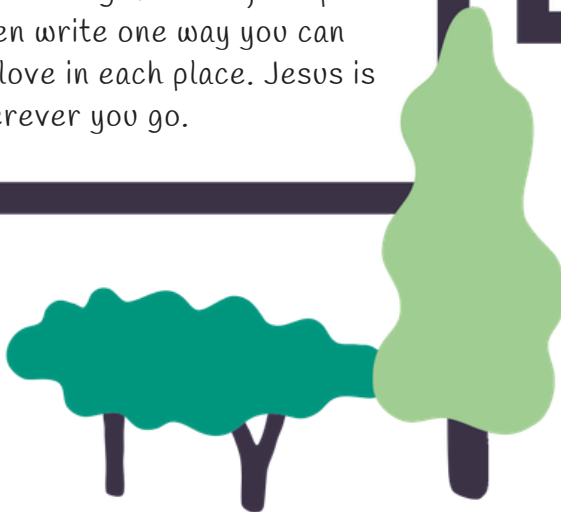
*Read: Matthew 28:20 (NirV): "Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end."*

When Jesus gave His friends their mission, He didn't leave them to do it alone. He made them a promise. He said He would always be with them. That promise brought joy to the disciples. It can bring joy to you too.

You might face moments that feel tough. Maybe you have to make a wise choice when no one else is doing it. Maybe you feel nervous about saying something kind or standing up for someone. Jesus is with you. That is why you can have joy.

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At-Home Activity: Walk through your house. In each room, say, "Jesus is with me here." Let it remind you that God is always by your side.





DAY 3

JOY IN GOD'S POWER

Read Acts 1:8 (NirV): "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me ... from one end of the earth to the other."

Jesus told His friends that God would send the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would give them power. Power to love. Power to speak boldly. Power to live like Jesus.

God gives that same Spirit to everyone who trusts Jesus. You can have joy because God gives you everything you need to follow Him. You don't have to figure life out alone. God guides you. God strengthens you. God works through you.

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*Personal Reflection:* Write a list of five things you need God's help with. Pray over each one. Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to give you power.

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DAY 4

### JOY IN GOD'S RETURN

**Read Acts 1:11 (NirV):** "Men of Galilee ... Jesus has been taken away from you into heaven. But he will come back in the same way you saw him go."

After Jesus went up into heaven, the disciples stood staring at the sky. They were amazed. Then the angels told them something incredible—Jesus would come back. That promise gave them joy and hope. It gave them courage to continue the mission Jesus started. You can have joy because God is with you now, and Jesus will return one day. No matter what happens, God's story ends with joy. God's story ends with victory. That means your story does too.

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Pray this: "God, thank You for being with me. Thank You for sending Jesus and for promising that He will return. Help me live with joy, courage, and hope every day. In Jesus' name, Amen."

*You can have joy because
God is with you.*

