

Fruit of the Spirit: Joy  
Week of August 9th - 15th

Lesson Aim:	To help kids understand that God gives us JOY in good times and bad.
Memory Verse: (practice every day)	Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”
This week's song	I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in my Heart <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fi0YrpKgXho">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fi0YrpKgXho</a>
This week's story:	Paul and Silas in Prison Acts 16:16-40
Main Takeaways:	The Holy Spirit works in us to guide our hearts and minds towards things we have to be thankful for, rather than allowing us to focus on pain and disappointment. Anyone can be happy when things are going right, but it's those who joy shines through even when things aren't going “right” that show God's love to others and to the world.

Potential  
Questions and  
Potential  
Answers:

Q: Tell about a time when someone was really bothering you (like a brother or a sister). What did you do about it.

A: Answers will vary

Q: What did Paul do to stop the girl who was bothering him and Silas?

A: He commanded the spirit to come out of her.

Q: Why were the girl's owners so upset?

A: Without the spirit the girl could no longer tell fortunes and make money for her owners.

Q: What happened to Paul and Silas because they freed this girl from the evil spirit?

A: They were beaten and thrown into prison.

Q: How would you feel if you were beaten and thrown into prison for helping someone?

A: Answers will vary. (Angry, upset, sad, life is unfair...)

Q: What did Paul and Silas do instead of getting angry and complaining? How did they respond to a bad circumstance?

A: They prayed and sang praises to God.

Q: How could they have joy in a bad circumstance?

A: They focused on what God had done for them in Jesus instead of how hard their circumstance was.

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God was in control and working for their good, even though it didn't feel like it at the time.

<p>Potential Questions and Potential Answers (continued)</p>	<p>Q: What happened to the jailer as a result of Paul and Silas singing?  A: The jailer came to believe in Jesus, was baptized, and filled with joy.</p> <p>Q: The next time things don't go "right" for you or you end up in bad circumstance, what can you do to have joy like Paul and Silas had?  A: I need to focus on what Jesus has done for me instead of my circumstance and believe that God is in control and working for my good, even if it doesn't feel like it.</p>
<p>Suggested Activities for Toddlers</p>	<p>Paul and Silas Match Game  <a href="https://sundayschoolzone.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/02_paul_silas_match_game.pdf">https://sundayschoolzone.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/02_paul_silas_match_game.pdf</a></p> <p>Joy Fruit Loop Cereal Activity Page  Print the page (below), let you child color it and then glue on fruit loops (for fruit of the spirit) or any other cereal you have handy inside the words.</p> <p>God Took Care of Paul and Silas Puzzle (for older toddlers. Parents will have to do cutting)  <a href="https://sundayschoolzone.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/01_paul_silas_jigsaw_puzzle.pdf">https://sundayschoolzone.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/01_paul_silas_jigsaw_puzzle.pdf</a></p>

<p>Suggested Activities for K-2nd Graders</p>	<p>God Took Care of Paul and Silas Puzzle  <a href="https://sundayschoolzone.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/01_paul_silas_jigsaw_puzzle.pdf">https://sundayschoolzone.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/01_paul_silas_jigsaw_puzzle.pdf</a></p> <p>It's Your Life Game (See game pieces page below for directions)</p> <p>Joy Box          Take an empty tissue box, cover it with paper and decorate it. Cut out the verse cards below and put them in the box. Also, as God answers your prayers, write them down and put them in the box. When life gets hard and things aren't going "right" take out verses and answered prayers and read them to remind you of the goodness of God.</p>
<p>Suggested Activities for 3rd - 5th Graders</p>	<p>God Took Care of Paul and Silas Puzzle  <a href="https://sundayschoolzone.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/01_paul_silas_jigsaw_puzzle.pdf">https://sundayschoolzone.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/01_paul_silas_jigsaw_puzzle.pdf</a></p> <p>It's Your Life Game (See game pieces page below for directions)</p> <p>Joy Box          Take an empty tissue box, cover it with paper and decorate it. Cut out the verse cards below and put them in the box. Also, as God answers your prayers, write them down and put them in the box. When life gets hard and things aren't going "right" take out verses and answered prayers and read them to remind you of the goodness of God.</p>

# It's Your Life

Cut apart the squares, mix them up, and place them in a basket or bowl. Place 25 pieces of paper in the shape of a Game Board not the floor. Write "Start" on the first one and "Finish Line" on the last one. Players take turns taking a game piece and following the directions.

\* Parents: Not all pieces are appropriate for all ages. Read them and choose out the ones that are best for your family to play with.

Your mom got a promotion at work. Move ahead 2 spaces.	The roof of your house was damaged in a storm. Go back 3 spaces.	Your best friend had to move to a different state. Go back 3 spaces.
Your family won a the Lottery. Move ahead 5 spaces.	You won the citywide spelling bee. Move ahead 3 spaces.	Your dad's job was cut, and he is looking for work. Go back 3 spaces.
You got a great report card. Move ahead 2 spaces.	You broke your ankle and have to miss the whole soccer season. Go back 2 spaces.	Your neighbor's house was robbed, and you're afraid the same thing might happen to you. Go back 1 space.
Your family got the new car you wanted. Move ahead 1 space.	Your favorite team won the World Series or the Super Bowl. Move ahead 1 space.	You didn't come home on time and got grounded for a week. Go back 1 space.

<p>Your favorite uncle is coming for a visit. Move ahead 1 space.</p>	<p>It's Christmas! Move ahead 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You got a raise in your allowance. Move ahead 1 space.</p>
<p>You got a new puppy. Move ahead 1 space.</p>	<p>Your fish died. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>It's your birthday! Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You got your tonsils out. Go back 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You didn't get the part you wanted in the school play. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>You get to go to Disneyland for vacation. Move ahead 3 spaces.</p>
<p>You made a new friend. Move ahead 1 space.</p>	<p>You lost your tickets to a NBA game. Go back 1 space.</p>	<p>The neighborhood kids are mad at you. Go back 1 space.</p>
<p>Your mom made you your favorite breakfast. Move ahead 1 space.</p>	<p>The chain on your bike broke. Move back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You made it to the next level on your favorite video game. Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>You get to have a playdate! Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>	<p>It's family movie and pizza night! Move ahead 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You got to make slime with your family. Move ahead 1 space.</p>

<p>Your brother or sister accidentally broke your favorite toy. Go back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You accidentally broke your brother or sister's favorite toy. Go back 2 spaces.</p>	<p>Your parents made brownies and ice cream for dessert. Move ahead 1 space.</p>
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## Joy Box Scriptures

<p>“Let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy.”  Psalm 5:11</p>	<p>“(God’s) anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but joy comes with the morning.”  Psalm 30:5</p>
<p>“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”  Romans 15:13</p>	<p>“The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.”  Zephaniah 3:17</p>
<p>“Lord when doubt fills my mind, when my heart is in turmoil, quiet me and give me renewed hope and cheer.”  Psalm 94:19</p>	<p>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.  Romans 8:28</p>

“...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

“Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice.

Philippians 4:4

# Joy-Fruit Loop Activity Sheet

