

Youtube Link for Teachers: <https://youtu.be/iS3M2jCF3Lg>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/nRLZDOF-dtM>

Worship Theme: God promises to bring us joy.

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

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Happy All the Time <https://youtu.be/2LWPsq-KZvo>
2. If You Are Happy in Jesus <https://youtu.be/SsldqdQB-9U>
3. Peace Like a River <https://youtu.be/BqKUDsWZq8s>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Make Them Laugh"



1. Divide the children into Group A and Group B.
2. Group A will choose a representative to use motions to make Group B laugh without saying any words. The teacher needs to limit the time. If anyone in Group B laughs, then Group A wins!
3. If Group B doesn't laugh, then Group A loses the game.
4. Repeat the game with other representatives.

5. After the game, explain to the children that we can always laugh because God gives us joy!



Introduction:

When people give you gifts, how do you feel? Do you feel joyful? As Christians who believe in God, there are many reasons for us to be joyful. Today, we will learn about Abraham and Sarah who were overjoyed when God gave them a very special gift.

Bible Story:

Our Bible story is about Abraham and Sarah. They waited all their lives to have a child, and God had promised Abraham that he would have children when he was 75 years old. But even after many years, Abraham and Sarah did not have a baby. During this time, it was a great shame to not have your own child, so we can see how much Abraham and Sarah really wanted to have their own baby. But Abraham believed in God who always keeps his promises.

Finally God gave Sarah and Abraham a son—when Sarah was 90 years old and Abraham was 100 years old! Can you imagine a 90 year old grandmother having a baby? This seems impossible in humans, but God is powerful and God can make the impossible things possible.

Abraham and Sarah were so happy. When their baby was finally born, they had so much joy that they named him Isaac, which means "laughter." It's good to laugh, and it's good to feel joy. God's promises bring joy to us.

God has given us many things that bring us joy. God gives us families who love us and hug us. God gives us good food. God gives us strong bodies that can run and play. This week pay attention to the things that make you smile and be joyful. Remember to thank God for joyful things. Remember! God promises to bring us joy!

Questions to discuss:

1. What does the name Isaac mean? (laughter)

2. Why did Abraham and Sarah name their son Isaac? (because God gave them joy by giving them a baby)
3. What gave you joy this week? (let the children answer)

Game: “Pray, Dance/Sing, Thank God, or Laugh”

Material needed: 4 sheets of paper that says “Prayer,” “Dance/Sing,” “Thank God,” and “Laugh.”



1. Teacher will tape 4 sheets of paper with different words on 4 walls of the room.

2. Children will dance around a chair (or a table) with music, and when the music

stops, the children run to a wall of their choice.

3. Then the children need to follow the word on the wall. For example, if they’re at a wall that says “Pray,” then they need to pray. If they’re at a wall that says “Dance/Sing,” then they need to dance and sing.

4. Give them 1 minute and continue to play this game.

5. After the game, explain to the children that God wants us to rejoice always. God gives us joy so that we can rejoice. Be sure to pay attention to the good things God does for us so that we can be joyful!



Memory Verse:

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4)

Craft: “God Gives Us Joy”

Materials Needed: Printed craft sheet, crayons, scissors, glue

1. Give each child printed craft sheet and have them color it including the baby.
2. Cut out the box that has Abraham and Sarah. Then cut out the baby and glue it in the crib.
3. Remember that God always gives us good gifts so that we can rejoice always!



Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher’s Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Jesus’ mission was serious, but he knew how to have joy, too. Recall some gifts God has given you. How did they bring joy? Perhaps they were answers to prayers or things you never even asked for. God loves to give gifts that will strengthen and encourage in many ways. Write down those gifts and a prayer of joy, and keep them where you’ll be reminded of the joy of God’s gifts.

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