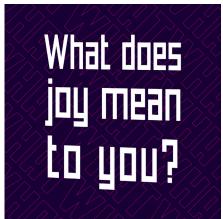
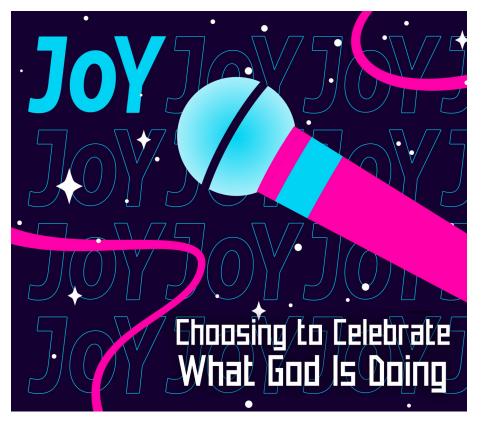
Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.





Day 1

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

After watching, write one thing that:
 1. You liked:
2. You learned:
3. You'd like to know:

A Devotional on Joy.

FOR AN everyday faith.

Read Luke 15:1-7

There's math. . . and then there's "joy math."

As you read the passage, underline anytime you read the number 99 and circle anytime you read the number one.

If you were to say which number is better or greater, which one would you pick and why?

Which number does Jesus' story illustrate is the greater one when it comes to joy? ____

Regular math: ___ > ___

Joy math: ___ > ___



Answer Key: Regular math 99>1 Joy math 1>99

Day 3

Did you know that Jesus would have come to die on the cross for your sins, even if you were the ONLY one?

Jesus' story of the lost sheep shows us how much He cares for each and every one of us. Take some time to thank God for loving you so much. After all, **we can have joy because of Jesus.**

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be the Savior of the world. And thank You that even if I were the only person who needed a Savior, You love me so much that Jesus would come just for me! I know I have sometimes been the "one" in Jesus' story, but I also want to be one of the shepherd's friends, celebrating any time one of my friends or family members is the one who is rescued by Jesus. In Your Name, I pray. Amen.

Day 4

In Jesus' story, the shepherd immediately calls his friends over to celebrate the good news that he had found his lost sheep.

It brought him joy to rescue his sheep, and he wanted everyone to celebrate with him.

We can have joy because of Jesus too! Invite a friend to celebrate something you've seen God do in your life or someone else's. Grab your favorite snack or drink, as well as your friend's, then sit down for a chat. Each of you can share something that you've seen God do that brings you joy. It might be that someone you know just put their trust in Jesus, or it could be that you saw God save someone in another way—like meeting a need. Share as many details as you know about the situation while you enjoy your treat!



Day 5

What does joy mean to you?

Grab a sheet of paper, a pencil, and your coloring supplies of choice, as well as any other fun craft supplies you'd like to use. Use the pencil to recreate this celebratory icon, making it large enough to fill up the page.



Then use your coloring and craft supplies to add some fun! (Just make sure to color the party horn a light color so you can write over it later.)

Use a pen or black marker to write inside the party horn a couple of things that bring you joy. Make sure one of them is something that God has done in your life or in the lives of your family and friends. Hang the picture on the back of your bedroom door, the fridge, or somewhere else where you will see it every day, and if possible, tape the pen or marker beside it so it's easy to find. Every day this month, add at least one thing that has brought you joy.