

Fruit Of The Spirit - Week 2: Joy

Bible Time



You can find this week's story in Acts chapter 3:1-10. This is an amazing example of how God can heal people and also how he uses others like Peter to do it. But we didn't actually choose the story because of the healing. We want to focus in on the man's response. As soon as he was healed, he began walking and leaping and praising God. What a great example of the joy God can bring. My Grandma used to play a song about this story on her piano and whenever we got to the part about "Walking and leaping and praising God", she would begin to bounce up and down on her seat and sing really loudly. We would then jump and leap around the room! I am sure there are lots of things that make you want to jump up and down for joy - scoring a goal, getting a good mark, receiving a gift or a surprise, making a new friend? But nothing compares to the joy we have from knowing how much God loves us and what he has done for us. We can also get joy from the many wonderful things he has created and given us. Joy is also very contagious, if people see you full of joy, they will ask why and what a good opportunity to talk to them about God. Because of the joy the lame man showed, many people asked about Jesus. God also loves to see his children being joyful, it's what he wants and it makes him very happy.

So, this week, find the joy and let others see it!

Memory Verse



Clap your hands, all you nations,
shout to God with cries of Joy.

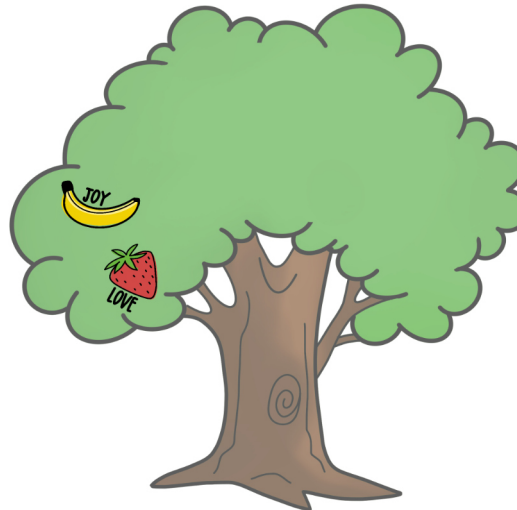
Psalm 47:1

Song Of The Week



Joy by For King and Country

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Ideas For The Week



What makes you joyful? What has God done or created that you can be joyful about? Make sure you thank God and tell other people about it.

Chat Time



Chat about the story. Use these questions to help you get started:

What did the lame man want?

Who healed the lame man?

Who gave him the power to heal the lame man?

What did the man do when he had been healed?

What makes you joyful?

What do we know about God that fills us with joy?

Prayer For The Week



Dear God.

Thank you for the many things you have given us. Thank you that you want to bless us and make us joyful. Help us to see the many things in life that bring us joy and to share those with other people.

Amen.

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