



SERIES: TRUE CHRISTMAS

What Is Joy?

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Props: : Decorate your large group space with Christmas decorations. Add some large paper ornaments to the walls with the words: Joy, Peace, Hope, and Light written on each one.

Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.) The

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Who likes Christmas? (allow kids to respond). Me, too! I love everything about it-the lights, decorations, the music and of course the presents! Now, before we go any further, I want to make sure you guys know that there is more to Christmas than Christmas trees and presents. Those things are great but there are some other things we need to realize about Christmas that are really important. Today, we're going to learn about joy. Joy is just a fancy word for being happy and thankful.

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and practice our song for the Christmas Eve service.

Song

Angels We Have Heard On High

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

Joy is being happy with what you have. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Joy is being ___ with what you have. (happy)

- We should be joyful because we know ___(Jesus)
- True or False: God doesn't care if we're thankful for what we have. (F)

God has given us lots of reasons to be joyful. We have life, meaning we can breathe and our heart beats without us even having to think about it! We have a lot of stuff like toys and games. We also have special people in our our lives who love us and take care of us. But, the biggest reason we should have joy is Jesus.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

“Don't be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good (thumbs up) news that will bring great joy (hands up in praise) to all people. The Savior (point right hand up)-yes, the Messiah(point left hand up), the Lord-has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!” Luke 2:10-11 *(Repeat)*

This verse is talking about the biggest reason we should have joy this Christmas. We get to have a relationship with Jesus. Remember, Jesus came to die for our sins so we could have a relationship with God. Jesus came to give us hope and a new life.

So, let's be joyful this Christmas and be happy and thankful for all that we have. And, even though we look forward to the new stuff waiting for us under the tree, remember that we already have a lot of reasons to be happy and thankful this Christmas.

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Joy to the world

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Joy is being happy with what you have. *(Repeat)*

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and dismiss.