Journal

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



July _____ Week Three 2024 Preteen



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.

Day 2

Read Romans 12:15

Now that you've read Romans 12:15, you may be thinking, but how can I be joyful when others are joyful? Head over to Acts 2:42–47 and see how the early church treated each other and all the things they shared and did together. Fill in the words in the phrases below to find some of those things. (Note: These were created with the NIrV translation.)

	what	the
apostles taught.		

- They shared their _____ together
- They __ _ and __ together.
- They sharedthey had.
- They sold _____ and other things they owned.
- They ____ to anyone who needed _____
- They met together in the ___ _ courtyard.
- They ate _____ together in their homes.
- They _____ God.



Answers: Studied, lives, ate, prayed, everything, property, gave, something, temple, meals, praised

Day 3

You can help others find joy, but that doesn't mean it's EASY to do so.

Sometimes it's even downright hard—like when you have to give up something you love. Unscramble the words below, and then take a couple of minutes to talk to God about this!

Dear God, I want to live a life of joy
and also help others find joy. I know I
can help others find joy by sharing my

______ with others. Or I can
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give up some of my
______ METI
to play a game or video game with
my ______ Or maybe I can
_____ some of my toys or
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money to an organization helping little
kids. Most importantly, I can share the
______ of _____
LVEO ____ SSUJE
with others so they can experience

joy as well. Sometimes it's hard to

do things like this though, so I need

your help to be brave, generous, and

thoughtful. In Jesus' Name, I pray Amen.

Day 4

Get a Bible and read Psalm 16:11.

Where does our joy come from?

From Jesus, right! So one of the best ways **you can help others find joy,** is by telling them about Jesus!

Sometimes that's easy... other times, not so much. For today, just pick two people you can share the joy of Jesus with. You might ask if you can share Psalm 16:11 with them. You might share the story of how you came to put your trust in Jesus. You might play your favorite worship song while you and a friend are hanging out. It doesn't have to be intimidating if you just share from your heart the way that Jesus has brought you joy!



Day 5

What are ways you can help others find joy?

Go back and read Acts 2:42-47 again. Does anything stand out to you about how the early church participated in and celebrated what God was doing? Any guesses?

They did it together! When we take care of each other, help each other, encourage each other, it not only makes life easier, but it allows us to be a part of what God is doing in the world—which brings JOY!

What are some ways you can use what you have to bring joy to others? You could use your talents at church to volunteer with the music or help with VBS. Or maybe you and your small group could have a lemonade stand or bake sale to raise money for a local charity. You'll not only bring joy to the people who are served by the charity, but you'll probably find you and your friends will experience joy getting to be a part of showing God's love to others.

Make a plan and then recruit any help you need. Get a parent's permission even better, get your whole family involved in helping others find joy!