

CHAPEL TALKS 2019 - 2020

Jump for joy



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...Jesus!

What is it that fills God's heart with joy? Hebrews 12:2 states that Jesus, "for the joy that was set before him" endured the cross for our sake. At the end of His incredible work of redemption, Jesus saw the joy that would be His someday: to have all of His children clothed in righteousness and gathered around Himself in glory. Jesus finds His joy in the salvation of His children!

For the joy set before Him.

LeadaChild exists to "share the love of Jesus with children around the world through Christian education." Joy begins when we know that our God is always with us and watching over us. Our desire is that thousands of students regularly hear the good news about a Father who created them and loves them, a Savior named Jesus who came to rescue them from sin, death, and the devil, and a Spirit who fills their hearts with faith and hope and gives them new life in Christ.

These four simple chapel outlines are created for you to use during your weekly chapel services, classroom devotions, or Sunday school openings. They explore different people from the Bible who were filled with joy because of Jesus and His great work. Also included are a few classroom handouts and projects in order to reinforce the lessons with your students.

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GOD BLESS!

Dr. Phil

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...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross...

Hebrews 12:2

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.

Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward
In the triumph song of life.

THEME SONG
Joyful, Joyful,
We Adore Thee



1 Lesson

THEME HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Intro.

Give an example of when you were so excited, you simply couldn't contain yourself. Share examples of others getting super excited (pictures or video clips). Ask the students "What would be so exciting that you would start jumping for joy or dancing?"

I Don't Care Who's Watching!

...and you shall give Him the name Jesus,
for He will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

Joy begins when we know
that our God is always with us and watching over us.

In the book of Samuel, there was a person who couldn't help but dance in the streets. Read 2 Samuel 6: 14-15

- It just wasn't anybody - it was David, the king of Israel!
- Why was David so happy that he didn't care who saw him dancing around in the street? (the Ark of the Covenant was returned to Israel)
- Describe the importance and the meaning of the Ark
 - Held Moses' staff and the 10 Commandments
 - God's presence among His people (Immanuel!)
 - The temporal (protection and provision) and eternal blessings (the promises given to Abraham and passed on to his descendants)
- As God's children we share in David's joy
 - Jesus told His disciples "I am with you always"
 - Something better than the Ark - we have the gifts of God (Word and Sacrament) giving us grace and forgiveness, hope and encouragement, peace and direction.
 - Through Jesus, we can talk directly to God, and He listens to us and cares for us.

BIBLE VERSE TO SHARE AND LEARN: MATTHEW 28:20 And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

PRAYER: Dear Lord, fill my heart with the joy that David had, knowing that you are always with me, watching over me and caring for me. Teach me to not be ashamed to share my joy as I pray, sing, and proclaim the Good News about you. Amen

ADDITIONAL SONG: I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS/REVIEW: Make copies of the hymn, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," and teach some or all of the verses to your class.

2 Lesson

INTRO: AShare a time when you met somebody very important or popular. Share some examples of others meeting one of their "heroes."
(picture or video)

Ask the students if they have ever met one of their heroes/superstars.

I Just Met My hero!

John the Baptizer, leaps for joy.
Luke 1: 42-44

In the book of Luke, there is a person who was so excited that he began to leap up and down... and his mother really noticed it! Read Luke 1: 39-45

(fall asleep on the job, leave the sheep alone, doesn't care for their needs, runs away when danger comes)

- Who was so excited to meet his hero? (John)
- Who did John meet that made him get so excited? (Jesus)
- What was so special and unique about this meeting? (both of them were not yet born)
- Describe the life of John the Baptizer
 - His special birth - Luke 1
 - His calling to be the last and greatest prophet before the coming of Jesus and His ministry
 - Some of John's words describing Jesus
 - "One will come after me whose sandals I am unworthy to tie"
 - "You should be baptizing me!"
 - "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"
- The joy we have in the "presence" of Jesus
 - "I was glad when they said to me let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1)
 - "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20)
 - Jesus comes to bring peace, to comfort us, to carry our burdens, to be our Good Shepherd
 - Most of all - He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords... someday, "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." (Philippians 2 10-11)

BIBLE VERSE TO SHARE AND LEARN: PSALM 16:11 In your presence is fullness of joy.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, I know you are with me and that fills my heart with joy. Through your Word, remind me every day that you are the mighty King of Kings and my Good Shepherd. Amen

ADDITIONAL SONG: Joy to the World

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS/REVIEW: Mary and Martha Coloring project

Lesson 3

INTRO: Begin by coming into the church/chapel area by dancing and jumping and leaping (or have another teacher or a student be the dancing actor). Get the students involved in asking why you (or the person) is so happy (maybe they won something... or other good news).

There is a Man Dancing in Church!

In the book of Acts, we read of a man who came jumping and leaping into the temple area. Read Acts 3: 1-9.

- Who was the man that went dancing through the temple area?
- What was so special about it?
- How did the crowd react? (verse 9)
- How did the leaders of the temple react to this miracle? (Read Acts 4: 1-3)
- Read Peter's response to the leaders when they told him to stop spreading the news about Jesus. Acts 4:19-20
- There are many ways we can express our joy in the ways that God works in our lives:
 - Normal ways include prayers of thanks, songs of praise, sharing our good news with our family, friends, and neighbors
 - Sometimes, it's even okay to show our great excitement in what God has done for us... as long as it's glorifying God, not ourselves
 - It is a good practice to express to others what God is doing in our lives. David often did this in the Psalms. (Read several verses Psalm 145... or another Psalm of praise)
 - Let's practice being Psalm writers – I'll begin with a phrase, think about how you would complete it "God is great because...(take several responses)
 - Those are all great... it almost makes you want to go jumping and leaping and praising God.

BIBLE VERSE TO SHARE AND LEARN: ACTS 3:20 We cannot help but speak of what we have seen and heard

PRAYER: Dear Lord, thank you for all the amazing things you do for me, my family, and my friends. Teach me to be bold like Peter who never stopped speaking about the works of Jesus; and fill my heart with joy, just like the man from Acts 3. Amen

ADDITIONAL SONG: Silver and Gold Have I None.
ADDITIONAL PROJECTS/REVIEW: Joy Coloring project

Lesson 4

INTRO: The Bible shares many stories about the appearance of angels. However, what often happened when people saw an angel? (they were very afraid – ex. Zechariah, the shepherds, etc.). Angels are mighty and powerful beings so they can be quite scary to see.

Look, The Angels are Dancing!

The angels jump for joy.
Luke 15:7

However, if heaven were to open up and we could see what was going on, I think we might see the angels dancing for joy!

- Read Luke 15:7
- What do we see in heaven when a sinner repents and comes to trust in Jesus (Joy! Great rejoicing!)
- The angels are the “messengers” of God...they express the heart of God through their singing and their messages – and the Bible teaches us that our God is filled with joy when the lost are found.
- Share a summary of the three lost stories (the lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost son from Luke chapter 15). They remind us of...
 - ...our Heavenly Father, who rejoices when a lost son returns home.
 - ...Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who goes out looking for the lost, and when He finds one, he invites all His friends to rejoice.
 - ...The Holy Spirit who “sweeps out” and “lights a lamp” in our hearts and fills them faith... and then invites His friends to rejoice.
- Do you know what this means? When you came to faith (through your baptism or hearing God's Word), the angels and all of heaven rejoiced and began to dance!
- The main reason we have Lutheran schools is to make sure that students always hear the Good News of Jesus. In fact, many children around the world come to faith in Jesus through the lessons they learn at a Lutheran school ... and the rejoicing in heaven continues!
- Many of our offerings that we collect during chapel are sent to places where more and more children will hear the wonderful Gospel message. *Just think, your offerings are causing the angels to get up and dance!*

BIBLE VERSE TO SHARE AND LEARN: LUKE 15:7 I tell you the truth, there will be great rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, Thank you for the gift of faith and eternal life. Teach me to be a part of the heavenly dance and to rejoice in the work of sharing the Good News of Jesus and His love. Amen

ADDITIONAL SONGS: Amen, Praise the Lord
ADDITIONAL PROJECTS/REVIEW: Joy Life-Saver project



Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry van Dyke

Beethoven

G G/D D⁷ G/D D/C G/B D⁷/A G

Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee God of glo - ry,
 All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heaven re -
 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing

4 G/D D G C/G G⁷ C

Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee,
 flect Thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee,
 ev - er blest, Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,
 stars be - gan; Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us,

7 G/D D⁷ G/D D⁷ G D G/D

O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
 Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,
 O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fa - ther
 Broth - er love binds man to man. Ev - er sing - ing,

10 D⁷ G/D D⁷ B/D# B⁷ Em A⁷ D

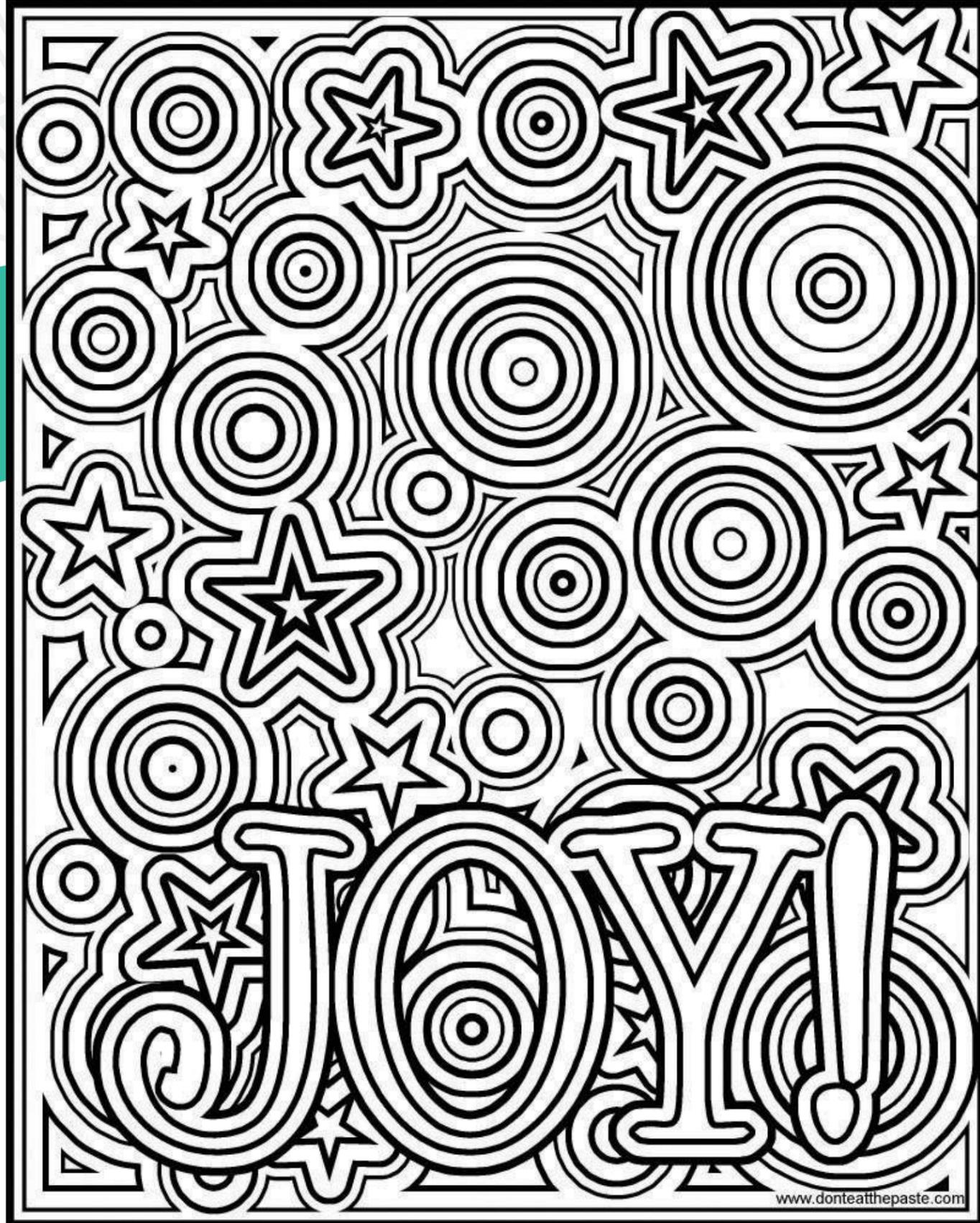
sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Christ, our Broth - er, All who live in love are Thine;
 march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

13 G C/G G⁷ C G/D D⁷ G/D D⁷ G

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

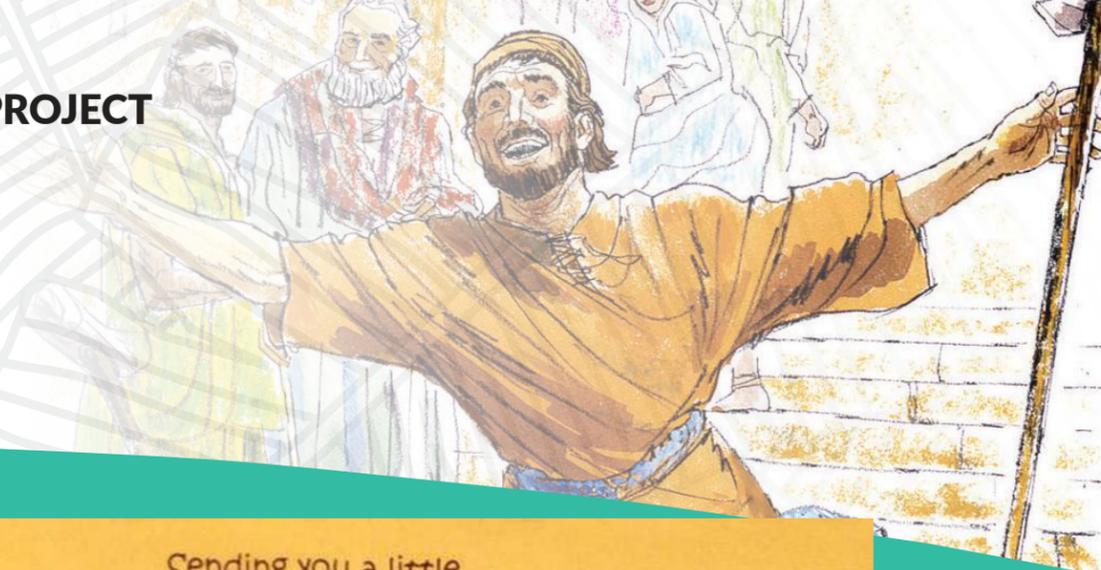


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