

Youth and Family Worship

12/13/20



Call to Worship

L: Shout praise to God!

P: Let us praise God with music and great joy!

L: God looks upon us with favor.

P: God rejoices in our loving compassion for others.

L: Thanks be to God who offers to us new life.

P: Praise be to Jesus Christ who taught us how to live.

AMEN

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What is Joy?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VENH7CrwhKo&ab_channel=HarshalJadhav



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Invocation/Opening Prayer

Lord of Love and Light, shine through our darkness, bringing us hope. Open our hearts for the journey, our eyes for the light, our spirits for the peace which you bring. Fill our mouths with laughter and speech with shouts of joy that we shall reveal the love with which you surround us. We offer this prayer in the name of the One who is coming into the world bringing your hope, love, peace, and joy, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

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Children's Bible Story

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvuGpwUi4mc&ab_channel=4HKreign

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Children's Sunday school Discussion

Read from your Bible: Luke 2:8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Ask: What kind of people did the angel appear to? (Shepherds living in the fields.)

Read from your Bible: Luke 2:10-12

Ask: What news did the angel bring the shepherds? (Their Savior had been born in the town of David.)

Ask: If you were one of the shepherds in the field that night, how do you think you would have reacted to all this? (Allow time for kids to respond.)

Say: Let's keep reading and find out what the shepherds did.

Read from your Bible: Luke 2:15-20

Ask: Did you hear what the shepherds did?

Say: The shepherds answered God's invitation to come and see the baby Jesus. Not only did they go to see him, but they also told everyone about what they had seen. The shepherds knew that it was good news that Jesus had been born, and they wanted to share it with their friends! Finally, the shepherds returned to their sheep and they sang praises to God as they went!

Main Point: Jesus is God's promised Son.

Children's worship song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xslzSSAvNng&ab_channel=VBCTucson



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Yarn Letters Joy Craft



Turn any festive word into a pretty decoration. Cut out your desired letters from cardboard and then hot glue the start of colorful yarn so it is secure. Wrap the cardboard with yarn until the entire letter is covered. Put a dot of hot glue where you end the yarn to keep everything in place. Make a loop of yarn and hot glue it on the backside of the ornament to hang.

<https://www.womansday.com/home/crafts-projects/how-to/g299/decorative-holiday-crafts-100780/?slide=18>

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Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

61:1 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

61:2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

61:3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

61:4 They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

61:8 For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

61:9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

61:11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

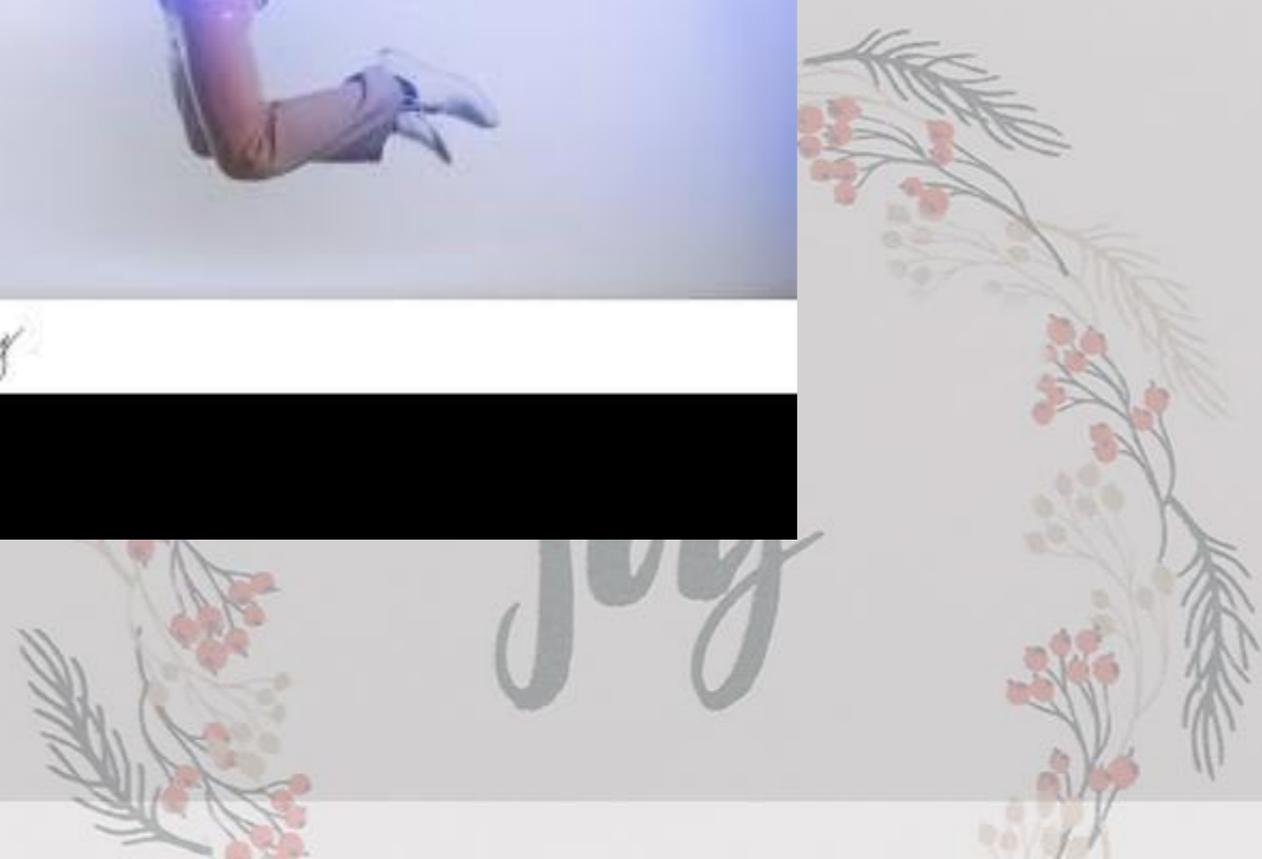
Youth and Adult Worship Song

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Youth and Adult Lesson Message

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

That’s a pretty cool image, isn’t it? An image of God filling you with joy. See, that verse doesn’t say, “May you have joy all the time.” It doesn’t say, “May God help you keep your joy.” No, it says, May God FILL you with joy.

There are going to be circumstances in your life where you just don’t have any joy, no matter how hard you try. There are going to be situations where life seems so dark, you can’t imagine joy being possible.

And that’s when you have to turn to God.

This verse calls God the God of hope, because that’s exactly what God is. And it’s because of that hope that we’re able to have joy, no matter what the circumstances are.

I don’t know about you, but overflowing with hope sounds like something I want to do! And doesn’t joy seem like something that would just happen if you were overflowing with hope?

The hope that God gives us provides a way for us to be filled with joy when our circumstances seem dark.

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Youth & Adult Lesson

Discussion/Journal Questions

What's an example of a way God is your hope?

Is joy something that is hard for you to have sometimes? Why?

Have you ever asked God to give you joy?

Can you remember a time where it didn't make sense that you were joyful, but you were able to have joy because of God?

Do you think it's truly possible to have joy, no matter what?

While it would be nice to never have to go through any hard times in life, we know that we will. They're going to happen, it's just a fact of life. But as Christians, we also know another fact—that we can have joy no matter how hard things get.

When you lose your joy, remember where your hope comes from. Remember that it comes from God. Ask God to fill you up with joy and God does!

God is your hope. No matter how dark life gets, God will be there to light it up with joy.

Youth and Adult Worship Song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PL6o9HNbbv0&ab_channel=DreamLabelGroup



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Benediction

May the light of this Advent season shine in your hearts, on your path, and beckon you to God's Love and service to the world. Go in peace. May the God of peace go with you. AMEN.

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