

# Start the Party: Celebrate the Good News

Joy is choosing to celebrate what God is doing.



**MEMORY VERSE**

"Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!"  
Philippians 4:4, NIV

**Talk About the Bible Story**

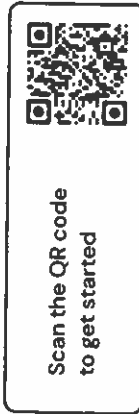
Open the Bible together and read Romans 12:15 (Supporting: Acts 2:42-47) or watch the video together on the Parent Cue app.

**Engagement Questions**

- How do you feel when someone you love is having a hard time?
- How can listening to someone when they are feeling sad eventually lead to joy?
- You can help others find joy. How do you do that this week?

**Faith and Character Activity**

Scan the QR code below for activities to guide kids at every phase to trust Jesus in a way that changes how they see God, themselves, and the rest of the world.



Scan the QR code to get started

**Prayer**

"Dear God, thank You for showing us that when we use our imaginations to think about how others feel, we can show them how much You love them. This week, help us practice celebrating when someone else is happy and just being with them when they're sad. Help us show others Your AMAZING love, and help us help others find joy. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

**Weekly Parent Cues** →



**Morning Time**

As your kid starts their day, share with them a way you've seen them be hopeful or resilient with a tough situation. Let them know how much you admire and respect it.



**Meal Time**

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: "Who is someone you know who needs help finding joy?"



**Drive Time**

While on the go, ask your kid: "What are some ways you or your friends express joy?" (You may need to give an example or two from your own life to get the conversation started.)



**Bed Time**

Pray for each other: "Jesus, help us to start a party for the people we meet and see every day. May we celebrate the unique ways you've made them and let them feel how much You love them by the way we treat them."

**More Ways to Engage with Your Kid**

**Faith & Character Activities**



**Worship Song of the Month**



**Download the Parent Cue app**

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Read: Matthew 5:16

DAY

1



## Imagine That

When we imagine ourselves in someone else's shoes, we can see things differently. Ask your adult to tell you a story about a time they had something really great happen to them, and then something that was really hard. Talk about how you would feel if that had happened to you.

Adults: Tell your child either a true story of something that happened to you, or if needed, feel free to create a story that would convey joy and another one to convey sadness. Guide your child to see the joy or sadness through the details you share.

**ASK others where they have found joy.**

DAY

2

## Joy! Joy!

Have a dance party! Find some music that brings you joy and rock out! If dancing isn't your thing, draw a picture of something that you do that brings you joy!

**KNOW that God is the creator of joy!**

DAY

3

## Let Your Light Shine

Grab a flashlight and read this week's verse. How do you let your light shine? Can others see it? What can you do this week to show others the light of Jesus?

**LOOK for ways to let your light shine!**

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4

## Finding Joy

Jesus helps us find joy in many different ways. We can also bring joy to others around us because of our joy from Jesus. Ask Jesus to help you shine your light and bring others joy this week.

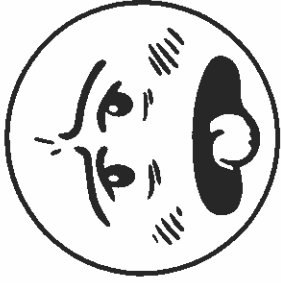
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 "Dear God, thank You for the joy that You bring me through Jesus. I pray that I can shine the light of Jesus and be a joy to others. I pray that my words and actions will be a light to draw others closer to You. I love You. In the Name of Jesus, Amen."  
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**THANK Jesus for being our joy!**

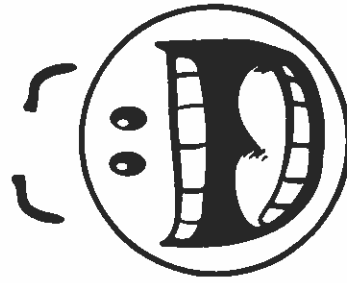


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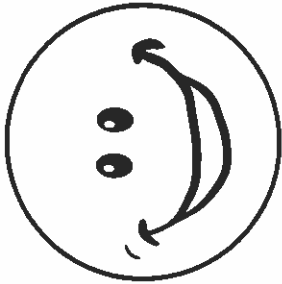




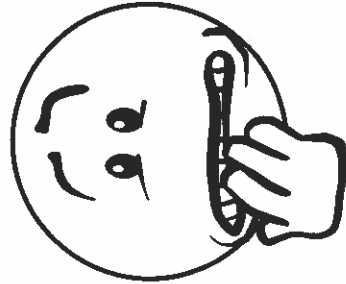
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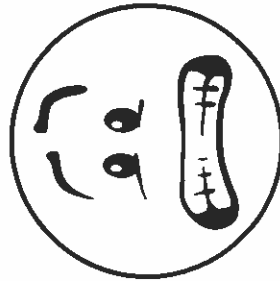
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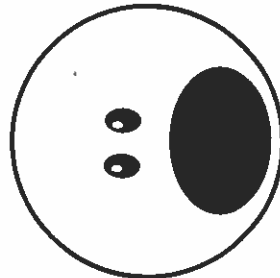
**SAD**



**SCARED**



**ANGRY**



**SURPRISED**

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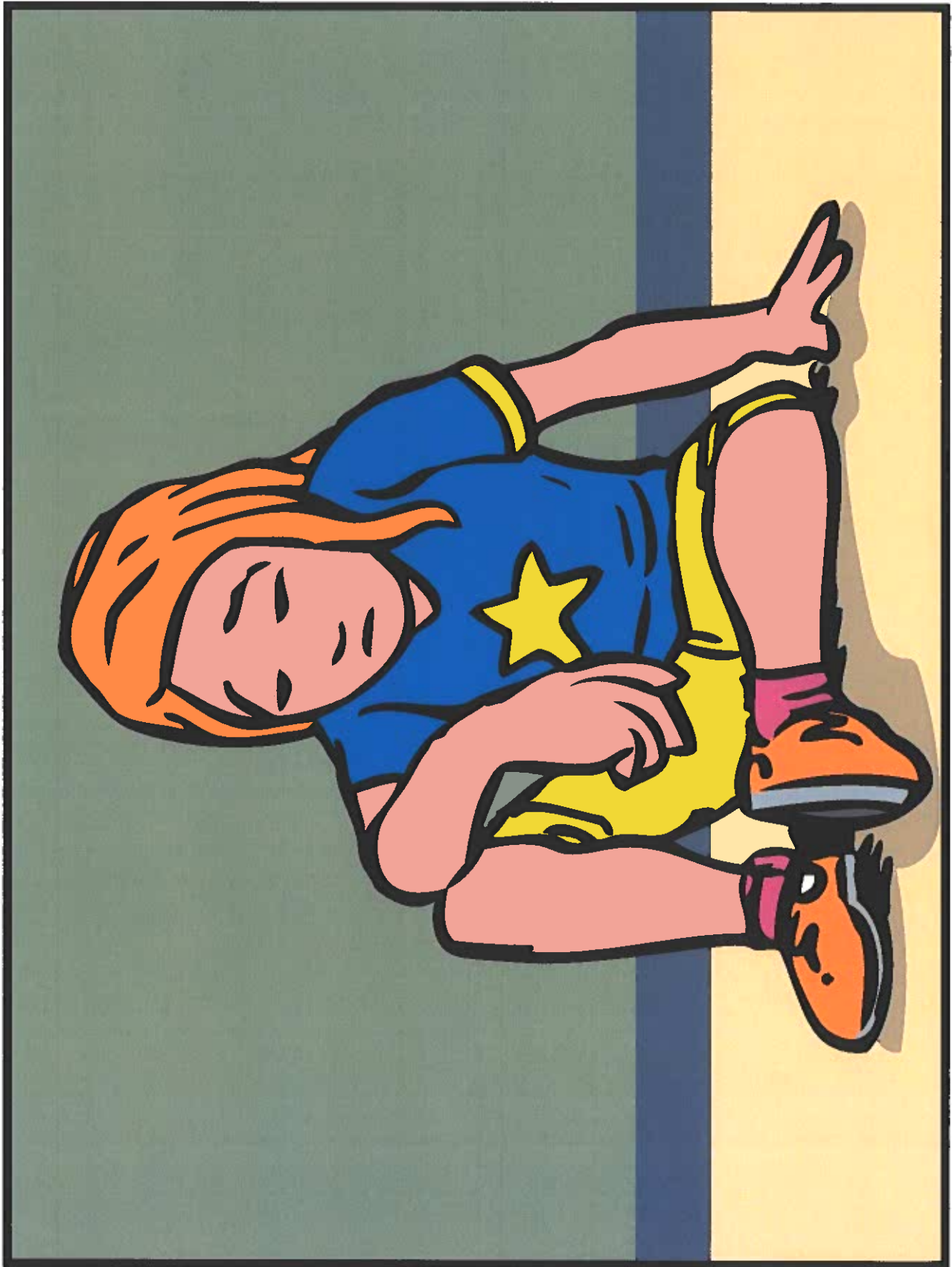
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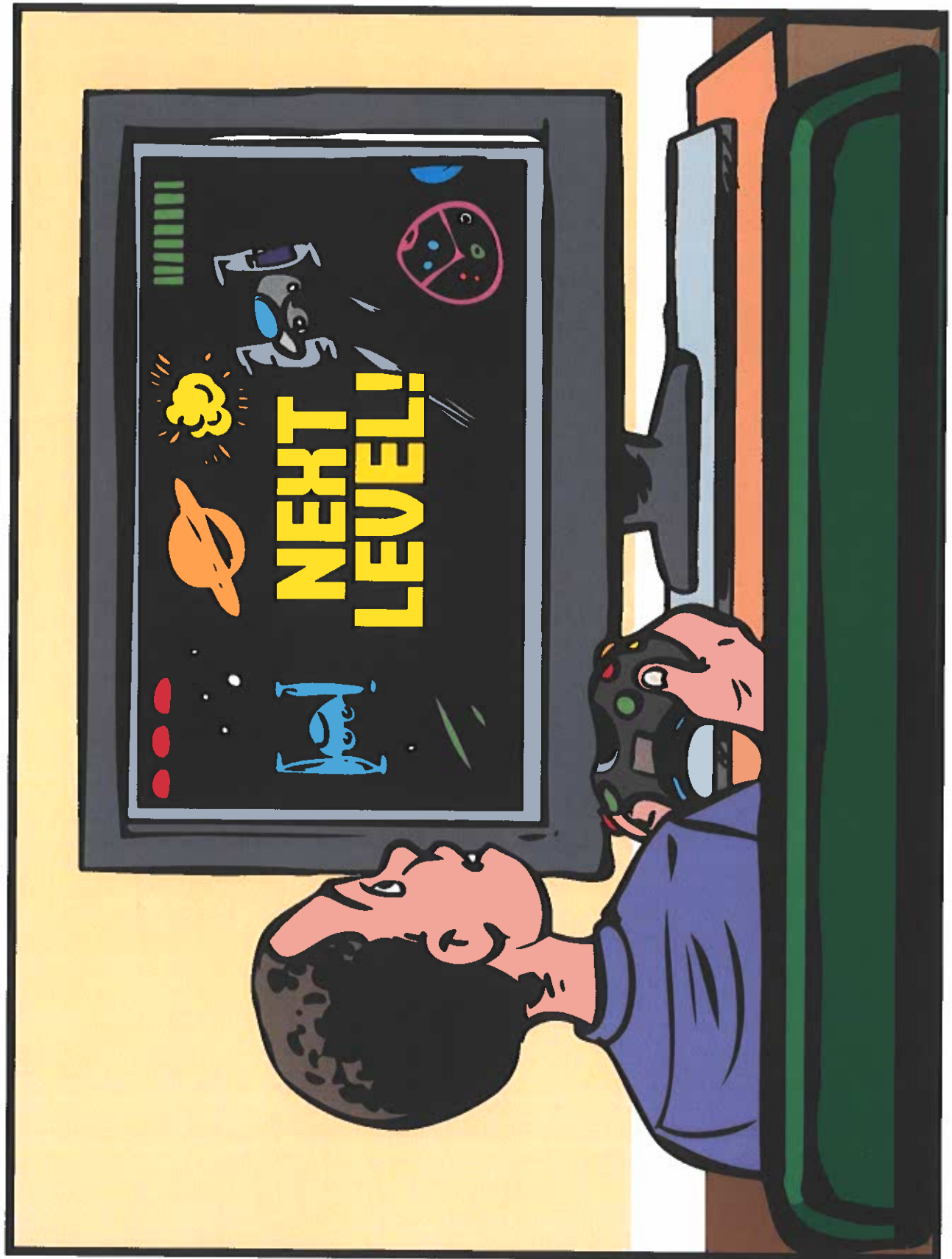
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