

I can have joy all the time.

Bible Story

Ezra and the Rebuilding of the Temple

Ezra 3:10-13

Ezra writes about the joy God's people had when they finished rebuilding part of the temple.



MEMORY VERSE

“A joyful heart is
good medicine.”
Proverbs 17:22,
ESV

Talk About the Bible Story

Open the Bible together and read Ezra 3:10-13 or watch the video together.

Engagement Questions

- Who can have joy all the time?
- What are some things that are hard to do?

Go to hillsideonline.com/kids to watch this week's video!

Prayer

“Dear God, sometimes we have to do hard things, like (name things that are hard to do). I'm so glad we can have joy all the time, even when we do hard things, because You love us all the time. Help us remember how much You love us the next time we do something hard. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen.”



Weekly Parent Cues



Preschool

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



Morning Time

When you go into your child's room, cuddle them and say: "Good morning, [child's name]! We have some hard things to do, today, like (cleaning, getting dressed, etc.), but we can have joy because God loves us!"



Cuddle Time

Cuddle with your child and pray: "God, thank You that we can have joy, even when we do hard things. The next time we have to do something hard, like clean up a mess or share with a friend, help us remember that we can have joy while we do it. Thank You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."



Drive Time

While on the go, take turns naming things that are hard to do. (Ride a bike, tie shoes, share toys, etc.) Talk about how we all have to do hard things sometimes. The good news is that we can have joy when we do hard things, because God loves us!



BathTime

Add small toy blocks to bath time. Tell your child to line blocks along the edge of the tub. When they finish, stop and cheer together. Talk about how a long time ago, God's people had to rebuild their temple, which was like a church building. Even though it was hard, they stopped and had joy when they saw what they had done.

