



WEEK 5 | HOME CONNECT

WHEN I FEEL JOYFUL; I CAN PAUSE, PRAY, PRAISE

TALK TOGETHER

SAY: Hi everyone! We are in the last week of our series at church, “Off the Rails”! We are going to have some fun today, but first I want you to answer this question: If you won passes to any theme park in the world, how would you feel and who would you invite with you?

Afterwards, **SAY:** I would be pretty excited, too! Throughout this series, we have been learning about some difficult emotions we can feel and what God’s word says about those emotions. Did you know that even in the good and exciting times, God wants us to celebrate with Him? That’s right! Let’s say our Big Answer:

WHEN I FEEL JOYFUL (*point to smile*) **I CAN PAUSE** (*hand up; stop motion*), **PRAY** (*prayer hands*), **PRAISE** (*both arms up; praise*)

READ TOGETHER

SAY: There is actually a story from the Bible about a man who experienced many of the emotions we’ve learned about himself, but chose to PRAISE God in every circumstance! Let’s read a summary of this story that comes from 2 Chronicles 20 in the Bible.

There once was a good king named Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat loved and honored God, and God was with him! But there was something very scary that happened to him. His kingdom, Judah, was about to be attacked by enemy armies! That’s right, one day he got a message that THREE kingdom armies were marching on their way to Jehoshaphat’s kingdom, Judah. Jehoshaphat was terrified! So what did he do? He paused, and gathered all the people of Judah together. Then, he prayed! That’s right, he PAUSED and PRAYED, just like we’ve been learning! He had all of the people of Judah pray, fast, and seek God together—men, women, even children, all praying to God for help! Then, the spirit of God came upon one of the people there and told the people of Judah that they did not need to be afraid! He said that God would fight for them!

Well guess what? God answered their prayers, and the next day as they went out to battle, they went confidently, knowing that God was on their side! They even had singers stand in the front of their battle march, singing praises to God and worshipping Him! Then, they did not even have to fight! God made a way for the enemy armies to start fighting EACH OTHER, and they destroyed one another before even getting to Jehoshaphat’s armies. They returned home and praised God. God gave them joy and peace on every side, because they trusted in him.

AFTER SAY: King Jehoshaphat experienced moments when he was sad and scared, just like we do. AND he also experienced moments when God came through for him and the people. Just like Jehoshaphat had so much to be thankful for, we do, too! So let’s remember and not forget that God wants us to pause and pray for all things and then praise him for the good things that happen!

WATCH TOGETHER

WATCH: [This week's PVC Kids Online Service](#)

ASK: Do you know what the word "worship" means? What is your favorite way to worship God?

PLAY TOGETHER

GIVE child a ball.

SAY: We've been learning our memory verse through this series, and now I want to play a game using our memory verse! Our series memory verse is a prayer. Let's practice it now!

"I PRAY (prayer hands) THAT GOD (point up), WILL FILL YOU COMPLETELY (hands start down and raise up above head) WITH JOY (point to smile) AND PEACE (peace sign with 2 fingers) BECAUSE YOU TRUST (make "X" with arms on chest) IN HIM (point up). THEN YOU WILL OVERFLOW (push arms forward and out) WITH CONFIDENT HOPE (thumbs up) THROUGH THE POWER (flex arm muscles) OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (both arms up; praise)."

– ROMANS 15:13 (salute, show 13 fingers)

SAY: Now, we are going to pass this ball around in a circle, and when you catch the ball, you will say the next word of the verse. I wonder if we can get through the entire verse together! Let's go.

REPEAT a few rounds, trying to speed up each time.

PRAY TOGETHER

SAY: I love that our memory verse for this series has been a prayer and many of you now have a special prayer of God's Word stored in your heart! Speaking of prayer, how can I be praying for you this week?

ALLOW kids to respond, and pray:

Dear God,

We know that you are always with us and love us! Help us to not just come to you in prayer when things aren't so great, but to come to you and celebrate all the good you've done and the joy that you fill us with! Remind us of what the Bible says so we can continue on with our days. We love you, AMEN!