Theme

### **Start the Party**



Who loves you?

Who can have joy all the time?

When can you have joy?

Use washable crayons or markers to draw your favorite part of this week's Bible Story:



Memory Verse "A joyful

Brush flat hands upward twice

heart

Tap chest twice with fingertip

is good medicine."

Move flat hand from chin to palm

Proverbs 17:22

Open hands like a book

#### WEEK 1

### Jesus tells a parable about a shepherd and his lost sheep to teach us about God's love.

Luke 15:1-7

Did the shepherd go look for his one lost sheep? (Yes)

Who loves us even more than the shepherd loved his sheep? (God)

#### WEEK 2

### God tells His people to have a festival and be joyful for the harvest He has blessed them with.

Deuteronomy 16:13-17

Who sends rain to water the plants? (God)
Why did the people celebrate God? (Because
God helped them)

#### WEEK 3

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

Ezra 3:10-13

Where did God's people, the Israelites, meet to worship God? (Temple)

What did some people do after the first part of the temple was rebuilt? (They celebrated God.)

#### WEEK 4

### David writes poems, called psalms, when he looks at all the things God has made.

Psalms 8 and 19

What did David see that gave him joy? (the things God made)

Name something God made, and say, "Wow, God!"

### WEEK 4

### Habakkuk prays that he will have joy in the Lord even if there is no food growing in his garden or animals on his farm.

Habakkuk 3:17-18

Who knew that God loved him all the time? (Habakkuk)

Can we have joy even though we don't get to do something we want to do? (Yes)

# **Party Pictures**

- Find what's different in the two pictures.
- What shapes and colors do you see?





