

SMALL GROUP | DAY 2

WHO MAKES ME FEEL JOYFUL AND LOVED?



Bible

Philippians 2:1-2 - "So does belonging to Christ help you in any way? Does his love comfort you at all? Do you share anything in common because of the Holy Spirit? Has Christ ever been gentle and loving toward you? If any of these things has happened to you, then agree with one another. Have the same love. Be one in spirit and in the way you think and act. By doing this, you will make my joy complete."

Vesper will appear at some point during small group to design a button and hang out!

Supplies

- Buttons for Special Guest Button
- Pieces of paper for inside of button (1 per camper)
- Markers and pencils
- Joy Building Relay cards
- Bible

Digging Deeper

Jesus brought joy to many people through the stories we learned about this morning (feeding the 5000, the woman at the well, calming the storm, raising Lazarus from the dead, inviting the children). The ways that he comforted people, provided for them, and loved them are truly things we can celebrate! He provided joy to everyone, no matter what they were going through or who they were.

Philippians 2:1-2 talks about how Jesus changes people's lives by loving them; this brings people joy. Then, it talks about how we also can love others. Through our actions, we can also help others feel joy.

When we welcome in the people that others reject, or help people with things that they need, or make others feel loved, we are sharing the joy that Jesus shared with people while he was on the Earth.



Knowing Jesus is worth celebrating.

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DREAM

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Activity – Joy Building Relay

Split your crew in two and set them up for a relay race (with cards on other side of the room). There is a set of cards for each team with actions that either build joy (ex. sit with someone new at lunch) or do not build joy (ex. make fun of someone). Campers must go one at a time to sort each card until they have all been sorted. Once they have been sorted, take turns reading the different prompts so that everyone is able to hear all of them.

For Parlando and Bombershay campers, have discussion with them afterward around the different actions. Some of the examples may seem really obvious, but which do they still struggle with?

Discussion Questions

- Which story of Jesus spreading joy to others was your favourite?
- How did Jesus show love to the people in the stories we learned about?
- How do you think people felt after spending time with Jesus?

Real Talk

- How would it feel to have Jesus notice and care about you?
- When do others make you feel the most joyful?
- What makes you feel like someone really sees and knows you?
- What makes you feel loved by others?
- How can you make others feel joyful?

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Activity – Special Guest Buttons

Campers are designing a “special guest” button to give to someone who makes them feel joyful and loved. They can design it with things related to that person, or encouraging words to help them feel joy and love, too.

Give each camper a piece of paper to eventually place into their button, as well as markers to decorate the piece of paper.

TODAY’S TAKE ACTION



Think of one person (family member, friend) who makes you feel joyful and loved. Invite them to a special little party celebrating them and give them the “special guest” button you made during small group. Tell them how they help you to be joyful!



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for giving us people who make us feel joyful and loved! We know that Jesus made people feel joyful and loved while he was on Earth, and we want to do the same thing for others.

Help us to celebrate someone who makes us feel joyful with our Special Guest Buttons today. We love you, God!

Amen.

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