JOY

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10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

— Luke 2:10–11 (ESV)

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HOOK

Start the conversation by saying...

"Joy to the World" was not originally a Christmas song. In fact, it was a poem written about the Second Coming.

ENGAGE

Go deeper with this...

What was the most joyful event in your life?

LINK

Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- In a world filled with grief, uncertainty, and pain, everyone is searching for happiness.
- Christmas is a time that many connect with the idea of joy, but not all understand the true story of joy that happened when Christ came to the world.
- While present circumstances can bring fleeting feelings of happiness, joy is a deeper and more lasting feeling that is based on a truth—the reality of Jesus coming down to earth so that we could be saved.
- True joy transcends circumstances and beats fear.
- When we have true joy, we can rise above our pain even in the most difficult circumstances.

PAUSE

Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together *(pick one)*

- How did you understand “joy” before? How is it different now?
- What is one time that you experienced joy that transcended a fearful or difficult situation?

Pray Together *(pick one)*

- Pray to experience the true joy that Jesus brought to us when He came to earth.
- Pray for a chance to help someone else experience the joy Jesus brings.
- If you are in the midst of a difficult situation, pray for the joy that comes from God to transcend your pain and hardship.

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The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

— Luke 2:20 (NIV)

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