

Pre-Lesson Downloads

#41 Fruit of the Spirit - Joy

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Dear Parents: I pray this week finds you enjoying the summer and the loosening up of restrictions. We are continuing our study of the gifts of the Spirit, who is always with us to help comfort and bring us truth (John 14:16-17), to guide and protect us (Acts 11:11-12), to teach us (John 14:26), and empower us in many ways (I Corinthians 12:7-11). I will include some other ways She lives and works within us next week. God Bless!

Bible Text: Acts 13:42-52

(After Paul and Barnabas had preached to the people of Israel. . .) Paul and Barnabas were going out; the people urged them to speak about these things again the next sabbath. When the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to continue in the grace of God. The next sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when some (Jewish leaders) saw the crowds; they were filled with jealousy; and blaspheming, they contradicted what was spoken by Paul. Then both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you reject it and judge yourselves to be unworthy of eternal life, we are now turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth. When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and praised the word of the Lord; and as many as had been destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread throughout the region. But the (Jewish leaders) incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas and drove them out of their region. So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them, and went to (the city of) Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Bible Verse: the same: Galatians 5:22-23

"The fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness gentleness and self-control."

Activities: *Don't forget to save your coloring pages, each with a name of a Fruit of the Spirit after you color them, so that we can make a book out of them *Joy coloring page *A Heart full of Joy crossword puzzle *Joy cards from the Bible. Keep them close to your bed and read one each morning when you wake up. *"Pear" puzzle for another list of the Fruits of the Spirit you could hang around your house to help you learn the list from Galatians 5: 22-23. Cut out the 9 colored strips with the Fruits of the Spirit written on them and glue, probably with a glue stick, them in the correct order from the Bible onto the pear shape provided. Dry under a heavy book.

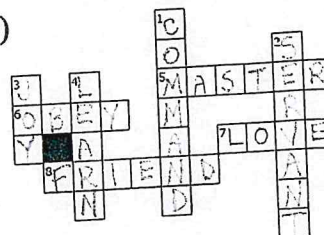
***Words to Joy Song.**

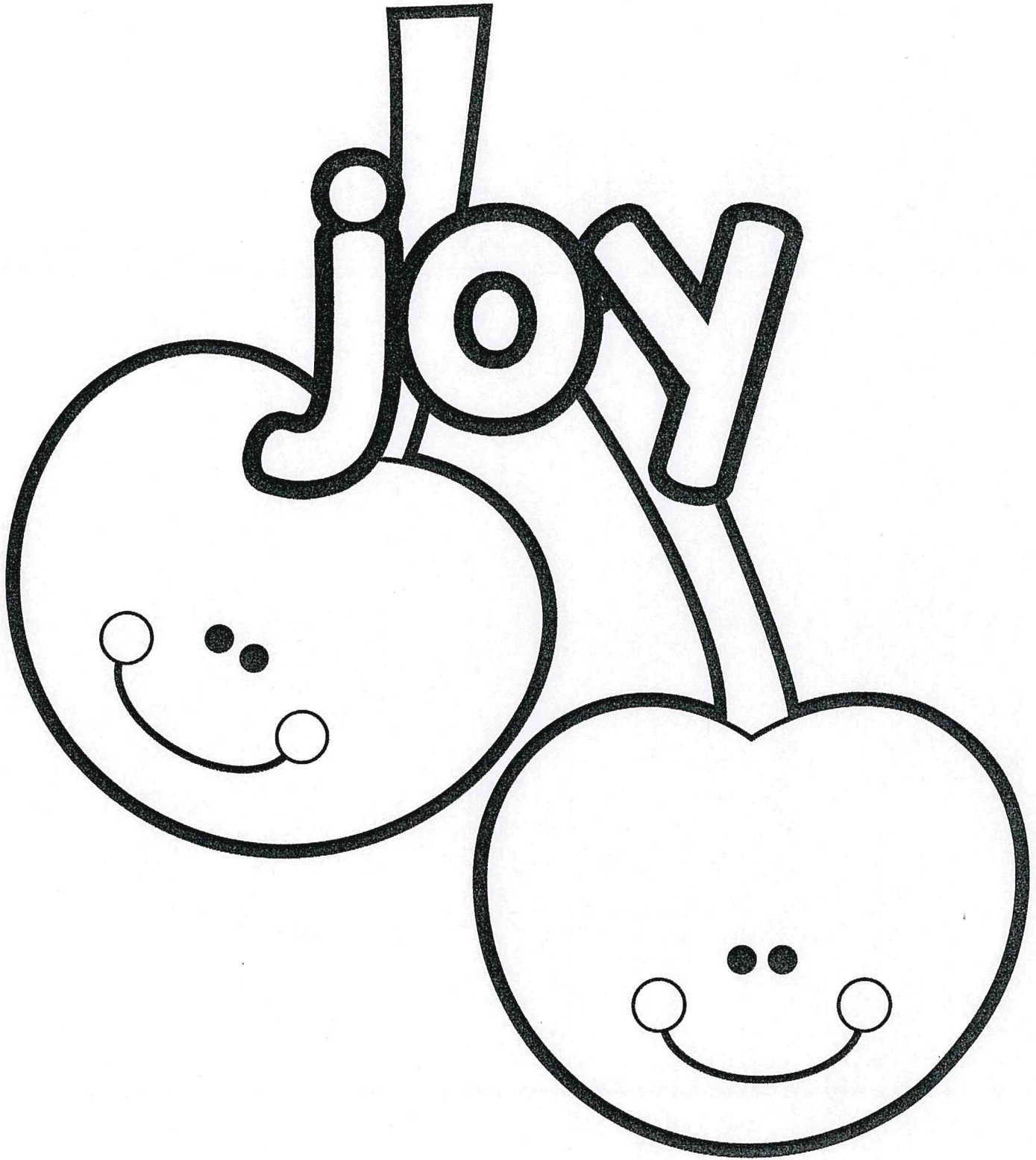
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy (down in my heart) (x3)

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,

Down in my heart to stay.

Answer to puzzle:

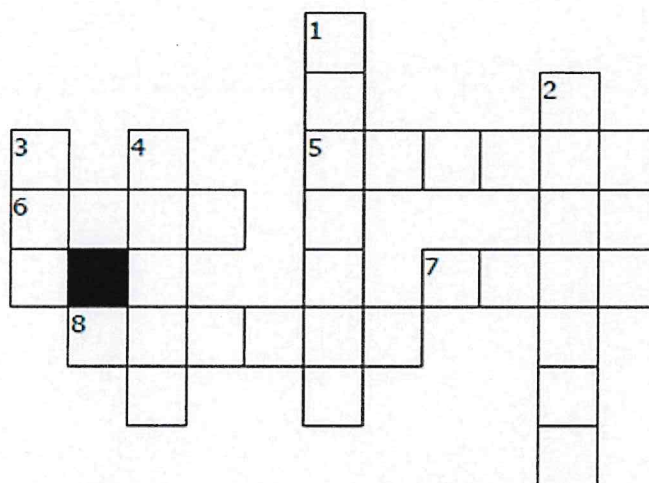




A Heart Full of Joy

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11 (NKJV)

Puzzle is based on John 15:9-17



ACROSS

5. One who has authority over another person
6. To do what you are told; follow the rules
7. To hold dear, to like or desire greatly
8. A person that you like very much

DOWN

1. An order which a person is expected to obey
2. Someone that performs duties for a master
3. A state of happiness or delight
4. To gain knowledge, skill, or understanding

JOY	OBEY	LOVE	SERVANT
MASTER	FRIEND	LEARN	COMMAND

Scriptures Concerning Joy

Psalms 30:5

For His anger is but for a moment;
His favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may last through the night,
But joy comes with the morning.

John 15:11

I have said these things to you
so that My joy may be in you and
that your joy may be complete.

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always!

I Thessalonians 5:16-18a

Rejoices always, pray without
ceasing, give thanks in all things.

Psalms 126:5

May those who sow in tears,
and reap with shouts of joy!

Acts 2:28b

You will make me full of gladness
with Your presence.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with
all joy and peace, so that you may
be filled with hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit.

Psalms 16:11b

In Your presence there is
fullness of joy.

James 1:2

When you face trouble of any kind,
think of it as joy. The testing of your
faith produces endurance.

Proverbs 10:28a

The hope of the righteous
ends in gladness.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace!

Nehemiah 8:10

For the joy of the Lord is your
strength.

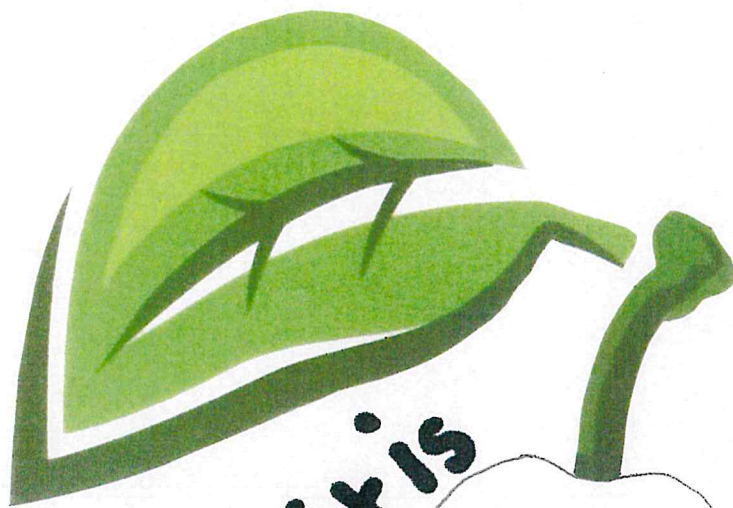
Colossians 1:11b

May you be able to endure everything
with patience, while joyfully giving
thanks to God.

John 16:22

So you have pain now; but I will see you
again, and your hearts will rejoice, and
no one will take your joy from you.

*Parents, These are a few of the many (300+) verses about joy in the Bible. Find the ones that your child can understand (or help them understand) and help them make cards or a sheet of paper on which to write the ones you choose. You could help your child read one a day as they wake up and it could help get their day started off in a positive way.



But the fruit of the Spirit is

Galatians 5:22-23

goodness

gentleness,

kindness,

love,

peace,

patience,

joy,

& self-control.

faithfulness,