

A note about this

GodTime™

There are 2 GodTime™ cards for you to choose from ...

one with the memory verse quoted in NIV
(on the next page)

and one with NIV
(on the third page).

WEEK 4

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READ ME FIRST

LIKE ON THE WAY HOME

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16.

Christmas is probably the most joyful time of the year. But when Christmas is over, the joy party doesn't have to end. Every single day of the year is a day God has made. Be glad and REJOICE every single day of the year. Put on your joy hat and party in God's honor!

Rejoice in the Lord always.



READ ME NEXT

DAY 1

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You're worried sick; you forgot supplies for a school project due tomorrow! Mom or Dad to the rescue! They'll pick them up on the way home from work. Just like your parents, your heavenly Father wants to help when you're troubled. God wants you to "give" Him your problems, so He can swap your worries for His joy.

Write a "worry" on a piece of paper, fold the paper, and write "To: God" on the outside. Pray about it and, with a parent's help, send that worry "up in smoke" to God by burning it in a fireplace, grill, or candle in a jar.

Thank God for giving you peace and joy.

Remember your memory verse? **Read the party streamers to remind yourself when to have joy.**

Praise God with joy.

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DAY 2

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

It's hard to find a way to be happy when your best friend changes schools, your parents make you clean out the garage, or you flunk your math test. But as weird as it sounds, thank God for those tough situations because He uses them to help you grow: in faith, in friendships, even in new skills. Then He uses all that growth to produce joy in you.

Have a Gratitude Attitude Party. At dinner tonight, decorate with balloons and signs. Get the whole family to put on party hats. Sing a praise song and take turns thanking God for something.

Thank God for tough situations.

I will say it again:

Rejoice! Philippians 4:4, NIV



READ ME LAST

DAY 3

Read Philippians 4:11-12.

Paul got to travel around the world telling people about Jesus and had lots of good friends (cool). But he was also beaten, jailed, and had lots of enemies (not so cool). But whatever was happening, Paul was okay with it, because he understood that God's joy isn't just for birthdays, Christmas, and school vacation, but for every single day.

Want to know Paul's secret for being content? Look back at this week's Bible verses (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) and fill in the blanks for the secret formula.

Ask God to help you be joyful and content.

Be _____

+ _____

continually + give

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Answers: joyful, pray, thanks

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