Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



July _____ Week Four 2024 Preteen



Day 1

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

A Devotional on Joy.

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Day 2

Read Revelation 22:1-5

Get a sheet of paper and your favorite drawing or coloring utensils. Illustrate the description of the water of life and the tree of life, along with 12 different fruits, as described in Revelation 22:1–5. (Need help coming up with fruit ideas? See the upside–down list below.) If you have silver glitter or any other fun decorative supplies, make the water look like crystal. And don't forget the leaves that bring healing to the nation.

This is just one of many descriptions of heaven that John wrote down for us in Revelation. This month of focusing on celebrating what God will do has brought so much JOY, hasn't it?

Answers: Apple, Raspberries, Orange, Blueberries, Banana, Mandarin oranges, Strawberries, Plums, Kiwi, Peaches, Blackberries, Nectarines

Day 3

What do you think about the idea of heaven?

Does it excite you? Does it make you feel a little strange, or even nervous? It's normal to feel that way because our minds truly can't imagine what FOREVER looks like or what it will mean to be with God every day. But it's also AMAZING to think of forever. Guess what—God can handle your fears and your excitement at the same time!

Pray the prayer below and thank God for the promise of heaven.

Dear God, thank You for making a plan for humankind so that I can live with YOU forever! Sometimes forever seems scary—until I think about the fact that it means living with You, the God who made me and loves me, for all time. I love You, and I thank You for all that You have done, are doing, and WILL do in my life. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen.

Day 4

What's the best party you can imagine?

That is going to be the question of the day. Grab a piece of paper and a writing utensil, or if you have access to some sort of recording device (like a smart phone voice memo app), record your interviews (if you do choose to record, be sure to get permission from the person you're recording).

Interview at least five people of varying ages and ask them, "What's the best party you can imagine?" If they need more prompts, ask them about the location, the decorations, would there be a theme, who would be invited, would there be music and dancing, what kind of food would be served, etc.

Once you've finished interviewing everyone, compile your answers. (If you recorded them, jot down the highlights of each person's answers.) Did you find any common themes? If so, circle those. Then go back and highlight the answers that sound super fun to you, but also are doable. Is this a party you could pull off, perhaps with your family's help? Now hold on to the sheet until tomorrow. . .



Day 5

Celebrate what God will do.

Pull out your party planning sheet from the day before and take a look at your plan. Is this something you could reasonably pull off before the summer ends and you go back to school? If not, make some changes and scale it back a little. Then call on your family. Explain that you want to have a party focused on the theme of JOY. Show them your plan and divide up the tasks. Don't forget to pick a date and time that works for everyone. Decide if you want to keep it just a family party, or if you can invite some friends as well. Whatever you decide is greatjust make sure you take some time celebrating what God has done, is doing, and will do in your lives! Now, go have a party!