

# FAMILY DEVOTION

## The Fruit of the Spirit: “Joy”



“I’ll Be Full Of The Joy Of The Lord!”



“But let the godly rejoice. Let them be glad in God’s presence. Let them be filled with joy.” - Psalm 68:3

### Say:

A lot of times, it is easy for followers of Jesus to lose their joy when bad or difficult circumstances come their way. When tough stuff happens in our lives, we often do not demonstrate the fruit of joy because we’ve forgotten some very important things about joy.

### Read:

2 Samuel 6

### Ask/Discuss:

- Who was the man in our Bible Story?
- What was the name of King David’s wife?
- How did Michal respond to King David’s dancing?
- How King David respond to Michal?

### Say:

David had joy, even when his wife, Michal, criticized him during his time of worship and dancing. In spite of what was going on around him, David chose joy and did not let anyone stop him from showing it.

### Ask/Discuss:

- What are some things we can do to express joy in our lives?
- What are some examples of times it might be difficult to have joy?

### Say:

Joy is not optional - it’s a command. The Bible says we must have joy - even when the things going on around us aren’t very fun or exciting. The reason we should have joy in every circumstance, good or bad, is that God is always us.

### Pray:

Pray for your children to have joy no matter what circumstances they are facing. Pray that they will remember that joy is not optional because they know that God is with them ALWAYS.