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Hey Kids!



In the book of Job, there is a fun verse of scripture that reads, "He will fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy." (Job 8:21)

Another cheerful verse is found in Psalm 118:24, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Each day, you have an opportunity to be happy. Happiness is a special feeling. Happiness helps you to see the best in yourself and look for the best in other people like your parents, teachers, and friends. It is easy to share happiness with others. Sometimes, all it takes to help another person feel joyful is a friendly hello, or a smile, or giving a hug. Sometimes it's helping to cook a meal, sending a card, or sharing your toys. During the week ahead, think about how you can share happiness with your mom, dad, grandparents, neighbors, and your friends at school and church.

Devotion for this week

Thought: What a beautiful world God has given to us, with so many things that make us happy!

Activity: Think of 5 things that make you happy when you go to sleep at night, and 5 things that you can do to make someone else happy when you wake up in the morning.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for the gifts of happiness and laughter. And help me to bring happiness to others.



Amen!

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Find These Words:

KINDNESS	LAUGHTER	SMILE	SHARE	HUG
HAPPINESS	LOVE	GLADNESS	GOD	CARING
FORGIVENESS		JESUS	HOPE	JOY
HEAVEN	PATIENCE	FRIEND	GOODNESS	

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A D H E L I M S L S J H F K S J E U W F S L I
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Here are 10 things that make me happy:
kittens, puppies, babies, sunshine, flowers,
ice cream, the beach, hugs, Christmas, music

Now write 10 things that make you happy!

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| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks:

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The devotion and activities for this week's Kids Call are contributed by Beth (age 12) from First UMC in Oak Ridge.