



START *the* PARTY

Celebrate the Good News

MUSIC

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Matthew's Party

Luke 5:27-32

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**Jesus is a good reason
to have a party.**

KEY QUESTION

**What is your favorite
type of party?**

MEMORY VERSE

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that leads to life. You will fill me
with joy when I am with you."**

Acts 2:28, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

1. INTRODUCE THE THEME SONG: "START THE PARTY"

WHAT YOU NEED: "Start the Party" Dance Moves video, Lyrics on presentation system (ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.), Video system

WHAT YOU DO:

- *Note: Your kids are probably singing this song during Large Group, so you if they've already been to the Large Group rotation, you don't need to spend lots of time introducing the song.*
- Echo sing ("my turn, your turn") each phrase of the song.
- Sing and demonstrate the motions for each phrase. Guide the kids to echo by singing and moving for each phrase.
- Teach the dance break. Or you can ask one of your youth helpers to demonstrate and break down the moves.
- Guide the kids to sing along and mimic the motions as you play the Dance Moves video. Encourage them to mainly do the chorus and the dance break—the parts you worked on today.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"We can live with joy and celebrate because we know Jesus loves us. **Jesus is a good reason to have a party!**"

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2. INTRODUCE THE MEMORY VERSE

WHAT YOU NEED: Memory verse on presentation system, Bible marked at Acts: 2:25 and 2:28

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask the kids to read the verse aloud with you: "You always show me the path that leads to life. You will fill me with joy when I am with you," Acts 2:28.
- Explain that all we, you'll be taking about joining a PARTY!
- Ask kids which words in this verse would contribute to a great party. Take responses.
- Explain that this Scripture is in a sermon Peter preached to a very large crowd. He is quoting what King David said in Psalm 16:11. That means this verse is in our Bibles in both the Old Testament and in the New Testament!
- Ask kids who the "you" is in this verse. To find the answer, ask someone to read Acts 2:25 aloud from the Bible.
- Let the kids help you create some motions for the most important words in the verse. Brainstorm by asking them to identify the words that are most important to them. Below are suggestions, but please encourage kids to come up with their own.
 - Show
 - Path
 - Life
 - Fill
 - Joy
 - With You
- *NOTE: If your Large Group leaders are using motions for the Bible verse, coordinate with them for consistency.*
- Speak the whole verse together out loud while doing the motions.

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3. INTRODUCE AND TEACH THE DAY 1 SONG: "ALL TO YOU"

WHAT YOU NEED: "All to You" Dance Moves video, Lyrics on presentation system, Video system

WHAT YOU DO:

- Remind the kids that in today's Bible story, Matthew left everything and followed Jesus. This new song says: "I'll give my all to You ..."
- Display the lyrics. Echo-sing the phrases in the "tag" section. (You sing a phrase, then the kids sing it back to you.)
 - "I'll give my all to You"
 - "Whatever You choose"
 - "I'll give my all to You"
 - "Whatever You choose for me to do"
- Point out how the melody (tune) goes up on "to You," so it even sounds like we are giving it to God.
- Add the motions to this section.
- Chant the rhythm of the words in the chorus. Ask everyone to march/stomp on the beat as you chant. You want them to speak the words quickly and accurately. It should help to notice where the "long" words are.
 - "You're never gonna let me go, never ever gonna let me go."
 - "I'm giving it my heart and soul. Gonna, gonna give my heart and soul."
- After they chant it with you, sing it to them. Then lead the kids to sing it with you.
- Add the motions to this section.
- Teach the bridge with the motions. Demonstrate, then have them echo and move. ("Today, tomorrow, I will follow ...")
- Teach the "big or little" section (pre-chorus) with motions.
- Ask kids if they have decided to tell Jesus they'll follow anywhere He wants.
- Sing the whole song with the Dance Moves video.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"The Bible says that Matthew left everything to follow Jesus. We are singing and declaring that we give our all to Jesus and that we have decided to follow anywhere He leads. I hope you will decide to do this for yourself."

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4. RECAP THE BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible marked at Luke 5:27-32

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask someone to recap a short version of the Bible lesson from Luke 5:27-32. (If kids have not yet been to the Large Group rotation, have one of the leaders do this.) Jesus called Matthew by saying, "Follow me."
- Choose a volunteer to read Luke 5:28 aloud from the Bible.
- Ask kids what three things Matthew did. (He got up, left everything, and followed.)
- Explain that then Matthew gave a party. This was not just a little get-together. The Bible says it was a "huge" banquet.
- Choose a volunteer to read Luke 5:29 aloud from the Bible.
- Ask kids who Matthew invited to the party. (He invited tax collectors and other friends.)
- Explain that Matthew's party was a super way for him to introduce his friends to Jesus.
- Ask these questions and let a few kids answer:
 - What are some reasons we have parties?
 - Have you ever been to a party to celebrate Jesus?
 - Why would Jesus be a good reason to have a party?

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Matthew threw a party to honor Jesus and introduce his friends to Jesus. **Jesus is a good reason to have a party!**"

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5. OPTIONAL: INTRODUCE THE DAY 5 SONG: "I'VE GOT JOY"

WHAT YOU NEED: "I've Got Joy" Dance Moves video, Video system

WHAT YOU DO:

- *Note: This is an opportunity to give kids a taste and get a head start on this song.*
- Play the video so kids can sing and dance along with it.

TRAVEL TIME

As you travel to the next track, use the following questions to keep the conversation going and to keep kids thinking about what they're learning!

- What is your favorite kind of party?
- What do you hope we do in VBS this week?

GETTING READY

PREPARE AHEAD OF TIME FOR MUSIC ROTATION

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Audio, Dance Moves videos, and Dance Instructional videos for:
 - "Start the Party"
 - "All to You"
 - "I've Got Joy"
- Audio system
- Video system
- Presentation system (ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.)
- Lyrics on presentation system:
 - "Start the Party"
 - "All to You"
- Memory verse on presentation system
- Bible marked at Acts 2:25, Acts 2:28, and Luke 5:27-32
- *Optional: Whiteboard and markers, or flipchart and markers*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Listen to the audio recording of each song. Learn the melodies. Practice singing them out loud. Lyrics and sheet music are available.
- Watch the Dance Instructional videos and learn the moves. Make notes if necessary so you can remember. Practice with the Dance Moves videos.
- Prepare a "static" version of the lyrics on your presentation system: ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.
- Prepare audio/video equipment.
- Prepare the memory verse, Acts 2:28 (NIRV), on your presentation system.
- Check with your Large Group worship team to see if they have created motions for the Bible verse.
- Place a bookmark in the Bible at Acts 2:25, Acts 2:28, and Luke 5:27-32.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Jesus' Parable of
the Wedding Feast**
Matthew 22:1-14

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Everyone is invited to the party.

KEY QUESTION

How does it feel to be invited?

MEMORY VERSE

**"You always show me the path
that leads to life. You will fill me
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BASIC TRUTH

**I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.**

1. REVIEW THE DAY 1 SONG: "ALL TO YOU"

WHAT YOU NEED: "All to You" Dance Moves video, Lyrics on presentation system (ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.), Video system

WHAT YOU DO:

- Display the song lyrics. Chant the words to the chorus, with kids marching or stomping. Ask the kids to echo you.
- Lead the kids to sing through "All to You" using the video.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"In our Bible story yesterday we learned that Matthew left everything to follow Jesus. In this song we are singing and declaring that we will give our all to Jesus and that we have decided to follow anywhere He leads. What do you think it means to 'give your all' to Jesus?" *(Allow several kids to respond.)*

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2. REVIEW AND REINFORCE THE MEMORY VERSE

WHAT YOU NEED: Memory verse on presentation system, Bible marked at Acts 2:21, Acts 2:28, and Matthew 22:9

WHAT YOU DO:

- Read Acts 2:28 aloud from the Bible.
- Ask the kids to say the verse aloud with you.
- Explain that you are talking all week about joining a PARTY! Our Bible story for today reminds us that everyone is invited to the party.
- Invite a volunteer to read Matthew 22:9 aloud from the Bible.
 - Ask kids who is invited.
- Invite a volunteer to read Acts 2:21 aloud from the Bible.
 - Ask kids who can call on the Lord.
- Say the verse together and do the motions.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"How does it feel to be invited to a party? (Pause for a few responses.) **Everyone is invited to the party** to celebrate Jesus!"

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3. INTRODUCE AND TEACH THE DAY 2 SONG: "SING YOUR PRAISE"

WHAT YOU NEED: "Sing Your Praise" Dance Moves video, Lyrics on presentation system, Video system

WHAT YOU DO:

- Explain that this new song is a praise song. Ask if anyone can give a definition of praise. Sum up their contributions with this statement: "'Praise' is saying good things about someone."
- Ask the kids to pair up and think of a praise statement about their partner. Then have them say it out loud to the person.
- Ask them to consider if the praise they spoke was about something the person does, how they look, or who they are.
- Explain that when we praise God, we praise Him for what He does and for who He is.
- Tell kids it's pretty easy to notice what He does. Ask everyone to think of one thing to praise God for doing. Guide them to all say their praise out loud at the same time.
- Point out that it's a little harder to praise God—or anyone—for who they are because you have to know them in order to do that. Ask kids to think of something about who God is (examples: Father, Ruler, Lord Creator, Savior, good, kind, forgiving, generous, etc.) Lead them to all say their praise out loud, raising their voices to heaven and saying, "Praise You, God, for You are _____."
- Echo sing (sing a phrase, have them sing it back to you) the phrases of the chorus:
 - "Hey! You never change."
 - "Your love is strong"
 - "And it won't fade away."
 - "And oh! You never let go."
 - "Every day"
 - "I will sing Your praise."
- Add motions as desired.
- Teach the melody patterns of "I will sing Your praise" at the end of the song. Use your voice strongly so they can hear the moving line.
- Look at the lyrics for the whole song. Ask the kids to find all the things we are praising God for. Read a section at a time together, then discuss and find the reasons to praise.
- Echo-sing the pre-chorus, adding motions as you sing it.
- Sing the whole song with the Dance Moves video.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"We will never run out of things to praise God for, if we are paying attention to His work all around us and to the Bible."

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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Matthew 22:1-14

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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KEY QUESTION

How does it feel to be invited?

MEMORY VERSE

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BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.

4. REVIEW THE DAY 2 BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible marked at Matthew 22:1-14

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask someone to recap a short version of the Bible lesson from Matthew 22:1-14. (If kids have not yet been to the Large Group rotation, have one of the leaders do this.)
- Explain that this is a parable—a teaching story—about a big wedding party. Everyone is invited!
- Ask kids how it feels to be invited to a party. Get responses, which may include: accepted, friendly, happy, important, etc.
- Tell kids that Jesus made it clear everyone is invited to experience the true joy that comes from following Him.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Everyone is invited to Jesus' party. It's for those we consider to be good people and for the bad. It's for the religious people and the regular folks. **Everyone is invited to the party.**"

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5. OPTIONAL: REVIEW THE THEME SONG: "START THE PARTY"

WHAT YOU NEED: "Start the Party" Dance Moves video, Video system

WHAT YOU DO:

- Play the video so kids can sing and dance along with it.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Everyone is invited to the party. When you notice people who don't know Jesus, you can invite them to share the joy you've found. Tell them your story."

TRAVEL TIME

As you travel to the next track, use the following questions to keep the conversation going and to keep kids thinking about what they're learning!

- What's the best party you ever went to?
- What do you like to celebrate?

GETTING READY

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 - "Sing Your Praise"
 - "Start the Party"
- Audio system
- Video system
- Presentation system (ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.)
- Lyrics on presentation system:
 - "All to You"
 - "Sing Your Praise"
- Memory verse on presentation system
- Bibles marked at Acts 2:21, 2:28, Matthew 22:9, and 22:1-14

WHAT YOU DO:

- Listen to the audio recording of each song. Learn the melodies. Practice singing them out loud. Lyrics and sheet music are available.
- Watch the Dance Instructional videos and learn the moves. Make notes if necessary so you can remember. Practice with the Dance Moves videos.
- Prepare a "static" version of the lyrics on your presentation system: ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.
- Prepare audio/video equipment.
- Prepare the memory verse, Acts 2:28 (NIRV), on your presentation system.
- Place a bookmark in the Bible at Acts 2:21, 2:28, Matthew 22:9, and 22:1-14.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Jesus' Parable of
the Lost Son**
Luke 15:11-32

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Celebrate the good news.

KEY QUESTION

**What's the best news
you've ever heard?**

MEMORY VERSE

**"You always show me the path
that leads to life. You will fill me
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Acts 2:28, Nlrv

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

1. REVIEW THE DAY 2 SONG: "SING YOUR PRAISE"

WHAT YOU NEED: Lyrics on presentation system (ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.), Video system, "Sing Your Praise" Dance Moves video, Bibles marked at Psalm 23:3, Psalm 56:4, Psalm 23:4, John 10:28, Psalm 89:2, John 10:3, Psalm 139:1, and Matthew 28:20 (OR use the prepared verse cards)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Remind the kids they learned a praise song yesterday.
- Display the lyrics for "Sing Your Praise."
- Hand out marked Bibles or verse cards.
- As the readers read each verse, guide the kids to find the phrase in the song that comes from that Truth about God.
- Psalm 23:3 *"He guides me in the right paths."* (Nlrv)
- Lyrics: "showed a better way"
 - Psalm 56:4 *"I trust in God. I praise his word."* (Nlrv)
 - Lyrics: "sing ... the loudest praise"
 - Psalm 23:4 *"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid."* (Nlrv)
 - Lyrics: "won't be afraid"
 - John 10:28 *"No one will steal them out of my hand."* (Nlrv)
 - Lyrics: "You never let go."
 - Psalm 89:2 *"... your love stands firm forever. ... you are always faithful."* (Nlrv)
 - Lyrics: "You never change. Your love is strong."
 - John 10:3 *"He calls His own sheep by name."* (Nlrv)
 - Lyrics "called me by name"
 - Psalm 139:1 *"Lord, ... You know all about me."* (Nlrv)
 - Lyrics: "you are my Maker"
 - Matthew 28:20 *"You can be sure that I am always with you."* (Nlrv)
 - Lyrics: "by my side"
- Sing the whole song together with the Dance Moves video. Encourage kids to sing out, as well as do the motions.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"We are praising God for who He is and for what He does. All this praise reminds us that Jesus is a good reason to have a party, because Jesus is good news! Today we're going to **celebrate the good news.**"

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2. REVIEW THE DAY 3 BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible marked at Luke 15:10-32

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask someone to recap a short version of the Bible lesson from Luke 15:11-32. (If kids have not yet been to the Large Group rotation, have one of the leaders do this.)
- Explain that this is one of the stories Jesus told about valuable things that were lost and then found again. Ask:
 - What was lost in this story? (the son)
 - When the son came back, what did his father do? (threw a big party; had a celebration)
- Ask someone to read Luke 15:10 aloud from the Bible.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"If you have asked Jesus to be your Savior, try to imagine the party they had in heaven for you! We are joining the heavenly party when we celebrate the good news that someone has chosen to follow Jesus. God will welcome us home and **celebrate the good news** of what Jesus did for all of us."

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3. INTRODUCE THE DAY 3 SONG: "I'M SO GRATEFUL"

WHAT YOU NEED: "I'm So Grateful" Dance Moves video, Lyrics on presentation system, Video system

WHAT YOU DO:

- Remind kids that the Bible story today is about the son who ran away, got in trouble, and then came home. Ask kids how this son was greeted when he came home. (His father welcomed him.)
- Tell kids to think about a time when they have messed up badly, but then they turned around, said they were sorry, and were forgiven. (You might have to talk about what "forgiven" means—the other person no longer holds the wrong against you.)
- Ask the kids to think about how they felt when they were forgiven. Get a few responses.
- Ask what the son in our Bible story might have felt. Get a few responses.
- Display the song lyrics. Explain that today's song is about forgiveness.
- Echo-sing the section with the "oh-oh-oh's" and "I'm so grateful." (In the written music it starts at the second ending; m. 38-51.)
- Continue on with the next chorus. Note that we sing, "I'm so grateful I've been forgiven," over and over in this song. Explain that sometimes you don't have words and you just say, "Oh!"
- Teach the spin move for "I'm so grateful I've been forgiven." Sing this whole section together (no tracks, just your voices) and do the motions.
- Teach the motions for the chorus as you teach (sing) each phrase. These are big, extended arm motions. Encourage the kids to do them all out because this is an exciting truth we are singing about. (NOTE: On the instructional video, he does the arm swing like a "backstroke." On the Dance Moves video, they do the big arm swing forward. Just decide which way you think your kids will participate best.)
- Ask the kids to point out words or phrases in the chorus that are "all out" words ("always," "already paid for," "this whole life").
- Explain or ask someone to comment on what "You already paid for" means.
 - Who is "You?" Jesus
 - What did He pay for? He paid for my sin.
 - How did He pay for it? He died on the cross.
 - What do I receive because of His payment? Forgiveness
- Sing the whole song with the Dance Moves video. Kids will get the verses just by singing along. Encourage them to dance all out on the chorus because we are CELEBRATING our forgiveness in Jesus.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"All this praise reminds us that Jesus is a good reason to have a party, and we love to **celebrate the good news** of our forgiveness in Jesus."

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4. REVIEW AND REINFORCE THE MEMORY VERSE

WHAT YOU NEED: Memory verse on presentation system, Bible marked at Acts 2:28

WHAT YOU DO:

- Remind kids that this week is about joining a PARTY! When you go to a party, you have to know where it is happening and how to get there.
- Explain that the memory verse promises the Lord will show us the path that leads to life.
- Ask: "How does He do this? Is it on Google Maps? Where do we find the directions for the 'path that leads to life'?" Let kids answer. Hopefully someone will say "in the Bible."
- Ask for three or four volunteers to come to the front and lead the class in saying the memory verse with the motions.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Let's **celebrate the good news** that Jesus forgives us, Jesus leads us to the path that leads to life, and Jesus gives us joy."

TRAVEL TIME

As you travel to the next track, use the following questions to keep the conversation going and to keep kids thinking about what they're learning!

- What do you love to do at a party?
- What do you love to eat at a party?
- What's the best news you ever heard?

GETTING READY

PREPARE AHEAD OF TIME FOR MUSIC ROTATION

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Audio, Dance Moves videos, and Dance Instructional videos for:
 - "I'm So Grateful"
 - "Sing Your Praise"
- Audio system
- Video system
- Presentation system (ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.)
- Lyrics on presentation system:
 - "I'm So Grateful"
 - "Sing Your Praise"
- Memory verse on presentation system
- Whiteboard and markers, or flipchart and markers
- Bible marked at Acts 2:28 and Luke 15:10-32
- Eight other marked Bibles OR verse cards (see below)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Listen to the audio recording of each song. Learn the melodies. Practice singing them out loud. Lyrics and sheet music are available.
- Watch the Dance Instructional videos and learn the moves. Make notes if necessary so you can remember. Practice with the Dance Moves videos.
- Prepare a "static" version of the lyrics on your presentation system: ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.
- Prepare audio/video equipment.
- Prepare the memory verse, Acts 2:28 (NIRV), on your presentation system.
- Place a bookmark in the Bible at Acts 2:28 and Matthew 22:1-14.
- In eight different Bibles, mark the following verses (one per Bible): Psalm 23:3, Psalm 56:4, Psalm 23:4, John 10:28, Psalm 89:2, John 10:3, Psalm 139:1, Matthew 28:20. OR you can write out each of these verses on separate cards to hand out to readers. We suggest using the NIRV translation.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

The Woman at the Well
John 4:1-26, 39-42

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is the life of the party.

KEY QUESTION

How can Jesus change your life?

MEMORY VERSE

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that leads to life. You will fill me
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Acts 2:28, NIV

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1. REVIEW THE DAY 3 SONG: "I'M SO GRATEFUL"

WHAT YOU NEED: "I'm So Grateful" Dance Moves video, Lyrics on presentation system (ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.), Video system, Whiteboard and markers, or flipchart and markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids what yesterday's song was about. If they need a hint, tell them the song title is "I'm So Grateful." Explain that grateful is another word for thankful.
- Display the song lyrics. Guide the kids to read the words of the verses and point out everything they can be thankful for. Make a list on the whiteboard. Add anything the kids also want to be thankful for.
- Sing the verses without the music. Encourage kids to move creatively in a way that expresses what they are singing. (Or you can lead them to use the same moves they learned the previous day.)
- Sing the whole song with the Dance Moves video.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Being thankful and singing praise are both great ways to celebrate the good news of Jesus."

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2. REVIEW THE DAY 4 BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible marked at John 4:1-26

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask someone to recap a short version of the Bible lesson from John 4:1-26. (If kids have not yet been to the Large Group rotation, have one of the leaders do this.)
- Explain that the Samaritan woman came to the well to get the water she needed for her home. In those days, no one had a faucet and water available through pipes. They had to go to the community well and pull it up in a bucket. When the woman saw Jesus, she was surprised.
- Ask if anyone knows why the woman would be surprised. (Men did not speak to women in public. Jews did not like Samaritans.)
- Explain that when Jesus offered her His water, she was even more surprised!
- Ask why this would be surprising. (He did not have a way to draw water from the well.)
- Tell kids to think about whether Jesus performed a visible miracle for the Samaritan woman. Ask if they think He did any miracle and if so, what was it? Hopefully someone will say that Jesus did a spiritual miracle, an invisible miracle, because He gave her living water—a new life in Him.
- Explain that the woman was changed because Jesus gave her His living water. She was SO changed that she went and told the people in her village. They could tell she was changed so they came to see Jesus for themselves.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"The villagers asked Jesus to stay in their town with them, and He stayed for two days. I wonder if they had a two-day party! The woman's life was changed, and the villagers' lives were changed because they believed in Jesus. **Jesus is the life of the party!**"

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

The Woman at the Well
John 4:1-26, 39-42

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is the life of the party.

KEY QUESTION

How can Jesus change your life?

MEMORY VERSE

**"You always show me the path
that leads to life. You will fill me
with joy when I am with you."**
Acts 2:28, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

3. TEACH THE DAY 4 SONG: "MY LIFE FOR YOU"

WHAT YOU NEED: "My Life for You" Dance Moves video, Lyrics on presentation system, Video system, Bibles marked at John 4:28-29 and John 4:42, *Optional: Whiteboard and markers*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Display the lyrics. Start by reading the chorus out loud together. "In everything I'm saying ..."
- Remind kids you just talked about how the Samaritan woman was changed because she met Jesus. This chorus gives us the words to proclaim the change that Jesus makes in you when you believe.
- Teach the motions to the chorus as you sing each phrase.
- Remind kids that Jesus gave the Samaritan woman living water. Guide them to find words in the song, especially in the pre-chorus, that tell some things Jesus gives to us when we belong to Him. List them on the whiteboard if you want.
 - "You hear me when I call."
 - "You're strong when I am weak."
 - "You give me JOY."
 - "You give me HOPE."
 - Let the kids add anything else to the list that is meaningful to them.
- Teach the motions as you sing each phrase of the pre-chorus.
- Tell kids the Samaritan woman realized Jesus was special, and she wondered if and hoped that He was the Messiah.
- Ask volunteers to read John 4:28-29 and John 4:42 aloud from the marked Bibles.
- Explain that when we know Jesus as our Savior and Messiah, we want to worship Him.
- Teach the bridge section of the song. Sing each phrase and teach the motions.
- Sing the whole song with the Dance Moves video.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Jesus knows all about us and offers us living water—the opportunity to know Him personally. Knowing Jesus changes your life. **Jesus is the life of the party.**"

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

The Woman at the Well
John 4:1-26, 39-42

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is the life of the party.

KEY QUESTION

How can Jesus change your life?

MEMORY VERSE

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BASIC TRUTH

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4. REVIEW AND REINFORCE THE MEMORY VERSE

WHAT YOU NEED: Memory verse on presentation system, Bible marked at Acts: 2:28

WHAT YOU DO:

- Display the verse and read it aloud with the kids.
- Split the class into two groups.
- Instruct the groups to stand up, separate, and face the other group.
- Lead them in saying the verse by alternating sides to say one phrase at a time, then five words at a time, and then one word at a time.
- Remove the display. Instruct the groups to do the alternating thing again, but this time they must do it from memory.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Jesus is the path that leads to life. He fills us with joy because **Jesus is the life of the party.**"

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

The Woman at the Well
John 4:1-26, 39-42

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is the life of the party.

KEY QUESTION

How can Jesus change your life?

MEMORY VERSE

**"You always show me the path
that leads to life. You will fill me
with joy when I am with you."**

Acts 2:28, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

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5. OPTIONAL: REVIEW THE DAY 2 SONG: "SING YOUR PRAISE"

WHAT YOU NEED: "Sing Your Praise" Dance Moves video, Video system

WHAT YOU DO:

- Remind the kids that this is a praise song, and praise means saying good things about someone.
- Ask everyone to think of something good to say about God. Instruct everyone to shout out their praise statement when you do a countdown.
- Play the Dance Moves video and encourage the kids to sing and dance along with it.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Being thankful and singing praise are both great ways to celebrate the good news of Jesus and remember that **Jesus is the life of the party.**"

TRAVEL TIME

As you travel to the next track, use the following questions to keep the conversation going and to keep kids thinking about what they're learning!

- Has anyone ever surprised you by doing something kind?
- Have you ever gotten water from an actual well? What was it like?

GETTING READY

PREPARE AHEAD OF TIME FOR MUSIC ROTATION

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Audio, Dance Moves videos, and Dance Instructional videos for:
 - "I'm So Grateful"
 - "My Life for You"
 - "Sing Your Praise"
- Audio system
- Video system
- Presentation system (ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.)
- Lyrics on presentation system:
 - "I'm So Grateful"
 - "My Life for You"
- Memory verse on presentation system
- Bibles marked at Acts 2:28, John 4:1-26, John 4:28-29, and John 4:42
- *Optional: Whiteboard and markers, or flipchart and markers*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Listen to the audio recording of each song. Learn the melodies. Practice singing them out loud. Lyrics and sheet music are available.
- Watch the Dance Instructional videos and learn the moves. Make notes if necessary so you can remember. Practice with the Dance Moves videos.
- Prepare a "static" version of the lyrics on your presentation system: ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.
- Prepare audio/video equipment.
- Prepare the memory verse, Acts 2:28 (NIRV), on your presentation system.
- Mark Bibles at Acts 2:28, John 4:1-26, John 4:28-29, and John 4:42.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

You Are the Light of the World
Matthew 5:14-16

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can be a party starter.

KEY QUESTION

How can YOU start the party?

MEMORY VERSE

**"You always show me the path
that leads to life. You will fill me
with joy when I am with you."**
Acts 2:28, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

**I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.**

1. REVIEW THE DAY 4 SONG: "MY LIFE FOR YOU"

WHAT YOU NEED: "My Life for You" Dance Moves video, Lyrics on presentation system (ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.), Video system

WHAT YOU DO:

- Remind kids this is a WORSHIP song because we are singing it to God. It is also a TESTIMONY song because it is an expression of what Jesus has done for us and how we want to respond.
- Display the lyrics and guide the kids to find phrases in the chorus that express our response to Jesus.
 - "I wanna live my life for You"
 - "In everything I say"
 - "In everything I do"
 - "I'll follow You forever"
- Sing the whole song with the Dance Moves video. Encourage kids to sing this song as a statement of what they believe and how they want to live!

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This song gives us the opportunity to proclaim what we're going to do and how we're going to live because we know Jesus personally and He has changed our lives."

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

You Are the Light of the World
Matthew 5:14-16

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can be a party starter.

KEY QUESTION

How can YOU start the party?

MEMORY VERSE

**"You always show me the path
that leads to life. You will fill me
with joy when I am with you."**
Acts 2:28, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

**I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.**

2. REVIEW THE DAY 5 BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible marked at Matthew 5:14-16, Whiteboard, eraser, and several markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask someone to recap a short version of the Bible lesson from Matthew 5:14-16 (If kids have not yet been to the Large Group rotation, have one of the leaders do this.)
- On the whiteboard, write: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."
- Read it aloud with the kids.
- Erase "You are" and change it to "I am."
- Read it aloud with the kids.
- Ask everyone to come up and write their name anywhere on the whiteboard with the markers provided. As they write, remind them that Jesus didn't say, "You COULD BE the light of the world." He said, "You ARE the light of the world."
- Ask how kids can let their light shine for Jesus. Get responses.
- Ask why we let our light shine / do good things. Is it so people will think you are awesome?
- Invite a volunteer to read Matthew 5:16 aloud from the Bible.
- Explain that when people see us being kind, doing nice things, and being obedient, they want to know how and why! We can tell them it's because Jesus lives in us.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You can be a party starter by letting your light shine to the world."

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

You Are the Light of the World
Matthew 5:14-16

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can be a party starter.

KEY QUESTION

How can YOU start the party?

MEMORY VERSE

**"You always show me the path
that leads to life. You will fill me
with joy when I am with you."**
Acts 2:28, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

**I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.**

3. TEACH THE DAY 5 SONG: "I'VE GOT JOY"

WHAT YOU NEED: "I've Got Joy" Dance Moves video, Lyrics on presentation system, Video system

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask: "What do you think it means to have joy in your soul? What is joy? How is joy different from happiness?" Get several responses. Consider giving your own personal answers.
- Explain that some people say happiness depends on circumstances—what is going on around you, what is happening to you, or what you have or how you feel. It is easy to become UNhappy when you let circumstances dictate. JOY is the deep happiness that is in your heart no matter what is going on. Joy is based on what you know about God and how much He loves you.
- Talk about these scenarios and get the kids to tell you if they can impact your happiness and/or change your joy.
 - Someone else gets the last cookie.
 - Your best friend moves away.
 - You lose your favorite book, device, or toy.
 - You win the spelling bee at school.
- Display the lyrics. Start teaching the song by chanting the phrases of the bridge. Speak each phrase firmly and in rhythm and have the kids echo it back to you
 - "Every new sunrise gonna fix my eyes on the One who never fails."
 - "I'm gonna make some noise 'cause You give me joy and it's never gonna fade away."
- As kids sing the song later, they will almost be chanting this part. It's hard to sing the low-pitched melody. The main part to really sing is the end.
- Teach the chorus with the motions. Sing each phrase and demonstrate the motions. Have the kids sing it back to you.
- Sing the whole song with the Dance Moves video.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"When your joy comes from Jesus, nothing can take it away. **You can be a party starter** by sharing your joy and doing good things for others."

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

You Are the Light of the World
Matthew 5:14-16

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can be a party starter.

KEY QUESTION

How can YOU start the party?

MEMORY VERSE

**"You always show me the path
that leads to life. You will fill me
with joy when I am with you."**
Acts 2:28, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.

4. REVIEW THE DAY 3 SONG: "I'M SO GRATEFUL"

WHAT YOU NEED: "I'm So Grateful" Dance Moves video, Video system

WHAT YOU DO:

Play the video and encourage the kids to sing and dance along with it.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

You Are the Light of the World

Matthew 5:14-16

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can be a party starter.

KEY QUESTION

How can YOU start the party?

MEMORY VERSE

**"You always show me the path
that leads to life. You will fill me
with joy when I am with you."**

Acts 2:28, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

**I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.**

5. REVIEW AND REINFORCE THE MEMORY VERSE

WHAT YOU NEED: Memory verse on presentation system, Bible marked at Acts: 2:28, Whiteboard and markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Display the verse and ask kids to say it aloud with you.
- Remind kids that JOY is an emotion—a feeling inside you. Ask the kids to think of other emotions and feelings. List them on the whiteboard.
- Ask kids to think of some experiences they might have, such as cheerleading, races, riding bikes, playing outside, sitting in the library, etc. Let the kids think of lots more. Write them on the board.
- Let the kids take turns speaking the verse in different voices that sound like those emotions or experiences. Remind them it's okay to get crazy. This is an opportunity for them to speak and hear the verse over and over.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"When you have joy, **you can be a party starter** for Jesus!"

TRAVEL TIME

As you travel to the next track, use the following questions to keep the conversation going and to keep kids thinking about what they're learning!

- What's your favorite song from this week?
- What has been your favorite activity this week in VBS?

GETTING READY

PREPARE AHEAD OF TIME FOR MUSIC ROTATION

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 - "I've Got Joy"
 - "I'm So Grateful"
- Audio system
- Video system
- Presentation system (ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.)
- Lyrics on presentation system:
 - "My Life for You"
 - "I've Got Joy"
- Memory verse on presentation system
- Whiteboard, eraser, and enough markers so there's one for every five kids
- Bible marked at Acts 2:28 and Matthew 5:14-16

WHAT YOU DO:

- Listen to the audio recording of each song. Learn the melodies. Practice singing them out loud. Lyrics and sheet music are available.
- Watch the Dance Instructional videos and learn the moves. Make notes if necessary so you can remember. Practice with the Dance Moves videos.
- Prepare a "static" version of the lyrics on your presentation system: ProPresenter®, PowerPoint®, poster, flipchart, etc.
- Prepare audio/video equipment.
- Prepare the memory verse, Acts 2:28 (NIRV), on your presentation system.
- Place a bookmark in the Bible at Acts 2:28 and Matthew 5:14-16.