

"Joy's Parents Choose Joy"

(4-7 year olds)

One day, a fruit of the Spirit named Joy came home from school and saw her parents in the kitchen. They were very sad. Joy's parents were crying and praying. Joy's mom and dad began smiling and singing worship songs that Joy heard on KLOVE radio. Joy said, "Mom and Dad... I saw you sad earlier, and now you are happy and joyful. How can you be happy now, after you were sad?" Joy's mom and dad read her a verse from Psalm 30. "Because God promises to take our 'sad clothes' off and dress us in 'joyful, happy clothes'... we have hope! The joy of the Lord is our strength, honey." Joy snuggled her parents. They told her joy is a gift from God we have when we stay close to Him in good and bad times. God loves us, even if bad things happen and hurt us. "That is great news!" she said. Joy learned we can always say "Thank You" to God. God made us to feel His love, every day. Joy grew, became strong, and praised God!

Nehemiah 8:10

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Print out the Joy's Parents Choose Joy activity sheet for more fun!